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POLITICAL

1. Battle Lines Drawn for LDP Election

With presidential election (Weeka 26, Item 1) set for July 10, all of LDP factions except ISHII's have now declared themselves for IKEDA, SATO, or FUJIYAMA. Ishii claims his faction is still divided, but he is expected to declare his allegiance (probably to Ikeda) in day or two. Ikeda, with five factions (including his own) already lined up, would have commanding lead if vote followed factional lines. However, vote is expected to be less along factional lines than usual. Informal vote tallies on individual basis show Ikeda, while far ahead of Sato, still short of majority (241) needed for first-ballot win. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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Comment: Sato is trying hard to establish mood that Ikeda is - or should be - finished if he fails to win on first ballot. It still looks, however, as though Ikeda could win run-off, if it comes to that. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. GRC Ambassador Arrives, Ohira Visits Taiwan.

WEI Tao-ming, new GRC Ambassador to Japan, arrived in Tokyo June 26, is scheduled present credentials July 6. Foreign Minister OHIRA scheduled visit Taiwan July 3-5 accompanied by Asian Bureau Chief USHIROKU. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: These developments mark improvement in formal relations which deteriorated after GRC/Ambassador ^{recall} and senior Embassy officers in January when "defector" CHOU Hung-ching returned to mainland China. (WEEKA 2, Item 1). However, GOJ's ChiCom relations - notably such touchy questions as status of ChiCom liaison officials - present obstacles to full restoration of previous close relations with GRC. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. JCP Expellees to Form Political Group.

Expelled Communist Yoshio SHIGA (WEEKA 21, Item 1) announced plan June 30 to form political group, Nihon no Koe Doshi Kai ("Voice of Japan" Comrades' League), together with Ichizo SUZUKI and other dissidents, and publish weekly organ ("Voice of Japan") in order propagate "true Communist position". (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Degree of success achieved by this vehicle for "revisionist", pro-Soviet line will depend largely on amount of financial help Shiga can raise from Soviets, other anti-ChiCom sources. As organized party, Council unlikely threaten JCP's dominance of radical left, but could serve as rallying point for harassment of Party by "revisionist" dissidents. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. ROK-Japan Relations.

Consideration of possible Japanese assistance to ROK economy and measures to improve Japanese image in Korea continued despite ROK seizures of three Japanese fishing vessels on June 15, 23 and 25. Last two boats released before arriving at Korean ports. First boat still held but crew escaped on Japanese patrol boat. According press, Japanese fishermen aroused by reported ROK sale of fish in Japan in boxes from first boat. Transportation Minister AYABE, accompanied by Nagasaki governor and Director Maritime Safety Agency, visited Tsushima July 1-2 to open LORAN station (Item 5) and also to review measures protect Japanese fishing craft. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ, while protesting seizures, has shown commendable

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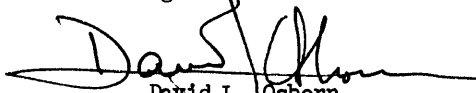
restraint in not permitting them to obstruct consideration of economic assistance. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)


MILITARY5. Maritime Safety Agency Takes over LORAN Stations.

Japanese Maritime Safety Agency (MSA) assumed responsibility July 1 for operation of 4 LORAN "A" stations located Hokkaido, Honshu (2), and Tsushima. Stations had been operated by U.S. Coast Guard since construction in 1951. This leaves only LORAN "C" station in southeastern Hokkaido (Japan's only "C" station) still under operational control of USCG. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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POLITICAL

1. Ikeda Wins by Narrow Edge

On first ballot at Party convention July 10, PriMin won reelection to unprecedented third term in LDP presidency. Vote was somewhat closer than expected, 242 for Ikeda versus 232 for his rivals Eisaku SATO (160) and Aiichiro FUJIYAMA (72). Since there were 475 valid ballots, (1 vote cast for Education Minister NADAO) Ikeda's vote was only four more than required simple majority of 238. Press reports that as part of deal to enlist Fujiyama's cooperation in

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delivering anti-Ikeda vote on run-off ballot, Sato swung a part of his votes to Fujiyama. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Too early to say definitely, but Ikeda's edge was probably not large enough to give him a full two-year mandate or to keep Sato from trying again next year about this time; Sato put up good fight, considering that this is first time in LDP history anyone has had temerity to run against incumbent PriMin. Despite large element of illusion in Fujiyama vote, it looks good in record, might help keep him also in running for next year; however, as of now battle for 1965 seems likely to shape up between Sato and Kono, with Sato possessing advantage. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Constitution Research Council Submits Final Report

Constitution Research Council (CRC), founded 1957 by PriMin KISHI for purpose of "determining advisability of constitutional revision," submitted final report to PriMin IKEDA on July 3. Report, which designed to present pros and cons of constitutional reform rather than make specific recommendations, touched on all major aspects of charter, but focussed particular attention on three controversial questions: constitutional status of Emperor; advisability of revising Article 9, which prohibits maintenance of armed forces; and "origins" of present Constitution (i.e.; does it represent true Japanese character and will, or was it forced on Japan by foreign power?). In appended individual opinions, most of 38 members favored revision in some form, although views varied greatly over which portions should be revised and how. Opposition parties, which are steadfastly opposed to any sort of revision, have refused from beginning to participate in or cooperate with CRC.

LDP announced plans to give widest circulation to report in order familiarize public with issues involved, and to form special Diet committee to examine report and formulate questions for parliamentary debate. Opposition parties denounced report as LDP attempt to rearm and nuclearize Japan, launched campaigns to protest consideration of revision. JSP announced plan to "educate" public on character of CRC report and hold 3,000-delegate "Convention to Preserve Constitution" in November, when, presumably, LDP will be introducing question at special Diet session. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Actual revision of Constitution is virtually out of question for foreseeable future. LDP lacks two-thirds Diet majority needed to initiate popular referendum, and public support for revision is probably insufficient to carry referendum even if held. In present political climate LDP is in no hurry to bring matter to head, and can afford patient, flexible approach in dealing with opposition and preparing public for serious consideration of problem at more propitious time. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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From Tokyo3. Zengakuren Brawl

Wild brawl broke out July 2 at Waseda University between two splinter groups formerly in anti-JCP "mainstream" of Zengakuren over which should lead "struggle" against revision of Constitution. Kakumaru ("Revolutionary Marxist") Faction was holding organizational meeting of 50 students when 80 members of rival Chukaki ("Core-group") Faction burst in wearing steel helmets, swinging clubs, and throwing rocks. In ensuing melee 13 students were injured, one seriously. Police riot squads, admitted to campus only after two-hours debate with University authorities, finally broke up fight, and followed up with pre-dawn raid on Zengakuren's temporary headquarters at Hosei University on July 4, leading to five arrests. Raid, which was carried out over the objection of Hosei authorities, raised expected chorus of criticism from academic left. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: This episode, of no political importance in itself, shows depths to which Zengakuren has fallen since its heyday of 1960. Rivals in this brawl were members of sub-factions of only one of five major quarrelling factions who are trying to revive and lead the radical anti-JCP student movement. Each faction has run anti-government demonstrations in recent weeks, but has been lucky to muster even 500 students. Brawl itself resembled more a sordid gang clash than action of supposedly pure and idealistic students - a point we hope to make to Japanese student audiences. GOJ authorities are far more concerned with rise in JCP-led student strength. While anti-JCP groups have been fighting each other, JCP has worked steadily since 1960, through Minseido and Heimin Gakuren fronts, to extend control over the organized student movement. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Tripartite Technical Committee to Meet

USCAR and GOJ announced simultaneously on July 9 that initial meeting of US-Japan-Ryukyuan Technical Committee on economic assistance would be held July 15 at Naha. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Agreement to hold initial meeting of Technical Committee was a political must for Takeo NODA, Director General of PriMin's Office, whose fortunes in forthcoming shuffle of Ikeda Government depend largely on ability to show forward motion in advancing Japan's interests in Ryukyus. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Foreign Minister Ohira Visits Taiwan

Foreign Minister OHIRA returned from 3-day visit to Taipei July 5. He told Ambassador July 6 that in discussions with Generalissimo he had said (1) Japanese policy anti-Communist, but methods of policy implementation different from GRC's; (2) GOJ recognizes two-China approach impractical; and (3) GOJ will continue opposition to seating Chicom in UN.

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Ohira also told Ambassador that trade with mainland not discussed with Gimo, although in Taipei press conference he had said that as trading nation Japan would seek develop trade with all countries while maintaining strict separation between politics and economics. Ohira said he and Gimo agreed desirability support Vietnam and U.S. policy in SEA. He remarked that atmosphere in Taipei excellent and cordial and hoped GRC Foreign Minister could visit Japan soon. Prime Minister Ikeda told Ambassador he considered visit successful and both Japan and GRC should continue to be "forward-looking" on mutual problems. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: While visit successful in demonstrating GOJ friendship for GRC, capping efforts harmonize relations after Chou Hung-ching case, Japanese efforts to increase trade with mainland will probably continue to inhibit really cordial ties. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Chinese Ambassador Presents Credentials

Chinese Ambassador WEI Tao-ming presented credentials to Emperor July 6. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

7. Agitation Against Aid to Vietnam

During past week GOJ has been considering measures for economic assistance to Vietnam. JCP and front groups stepped up agitation against such aid, holding rally July 7 sponsored by 40 organizations to protest American actions in Indo-China. Embassy has received many letters and representatives of Communist-front groups denouncing American policy in Indo-China. Another JCP-type rally against U.S. imperialism in Indo-China is scheduled for July 20. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Front groups thus far have failed arouse public opinion against GOJ assistance to Vietnam. (UNCLASSIFIED)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

8. Media Reaction - Soviet UN Force Proposal

All papers and NHK radio-TV gave prominent coverage to Soviet proposal to establish UN standing force. Most papers gave what were described as Foreign Ministry views that such a force would necessarily be weak if it did not include five major powers and that Japan is forbidden by Constitution from participating. Papers also carried speculation that move was closely connected with Soviet refusal to pay share of cost of existing UN forces.

Most NHK commentators failed to be impressed by Soviet proposal.

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However, Junnosuke KISHIDA, science and disarmament commentator, saw in Soviet move possible contribution to disarmament talks and said proposal has inseparable bearing on Japan's security. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Degree of scepticism over plan is high enough to have voided any significant contribution to Soviet "peace-loving" image. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY9. Yasukuni Shrine to be Site of National Services

Cabinet July 9 acceded to strong representation from Japan Survivors Association (NIHON IZOKUKAI) led by Justice Minister KAYA, decided to hold August 15 national memorial services for war dead at Yasukuni Shrine, formerly official Shinto shrine for war dead. Shrine has not been used for official services since Second World War in keeping with separation of state and religion required by Constitution. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While there will probably be protests from the left, GOJ apparently feels that public opinion will not oppose the move. (UNCLASSIFIED)

10. Assignment of Assistant Army Attache to Soviet Embassy

Foreign Office source reported that Colonel (Army) SERGEI SEMENOVICH ZUDIN (DOB: 8 Nov 1917 POB: Ryazan), now with Soviet Defense Ministry, will replace Colonel A. M. SAIKIN, former Assistant Army Attache, Soviet Embassy, Tokyo, who departed Japan on July 11, 1963.

Colonel ZUDIN will be accompanied by his wife, VERA IVANOVA ZUDINA (DOB: 19 Oct 1919 POB: Kazan).

Date of arrival is not yet know. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None

11. ChiCom Freighter Leaves

ChiCom freighter Liao Yuan (WEEKA 26, Item 10) completed voyage to Japan July 6, after calls at Moji, Tokyo, and Kobe, where she picked up 1,730 tons of artificial silk. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Calls were uneventful and attracted no attention. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL1. Cabinet Reshuffle

Working against deadline represented by PriMin IKEDA's feeling that July 18 is his lucky day, LDP high command has yet to come up with cabinet lineup that will accomplish PriMin's political objectives of: (a) healing scars left by his reelection last week (WEEKA 28, Item 1) and (b) restoring sufficient inter-factional balance and harmony to allow him serve out full two-year LDP Presidential term amid reasonable political tranquility.

All appointments definitely decided so far (LDP Vice President:

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Shojiro KAWASHIMA; LDP SecGen: Takeo MIKI; Cabinet SecGen Zenko SUZUKI) are members of five-faction coalition that helped put Ikeda in for third term. If factional harmony to be restored, Ikeda must bring in some members of anti-Ikeda coalition (SATO - FUJIYAMA - ISHII factions), but each post he "gives away" to his former enemies dashes hopes of some member of his own team.

FonMin and Finance Min posts proving difficult to fill. Eisaku SATO and Aichihiro FUJIYAMA were reportedly considered for FonMin but are now rumored out of running; retention of Ohira (who also rumored as possible replacement for Suzuki in Vice SecGen post) or return to job of ex-FonMin Zentaro KOSAKA are current rumors. FinMin Kakuei TANAKA was rumored for Party job, but he also may now be retained in present post. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Main significance of reshuffle will lie in whether it sets basis for political stability during full two-year term. In playing this game, Ikeda is not without trumps, mainly fact that his faction's votes will represent tremendous advantage to would-be successor in next LDP presidential election. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Reactions to Sasaki's Talks with ChiCom leaders

Kozo Sasaki, leader of "unofficial" anti-mainstream JSP delegation to Peiping (WEEKA 26, Item 3), returned July 13 and in press conference commented further on his meetings with Chairman Mao and other ChiCom leaders. (Initial Hong Kong press conference received top press play). Local Asahi newsmen informed Emb that, according to Sasaki: 1) Mao's support of Japanese claims to Southern Kuriles (Etorofu and Kunashiri at minimum -- see Comment) made on at least five occasions to Japanese visitors in recent past; 2) Mao statement, made in response to JSP query, came in context of his vigorous defense "One China," suggesting attempt to equate Taiwan and Southern Kurile situations; 3) Mao's comment that Soviets had "taken too much territory" referred to Outer Mongolia, Amur River region, Maritime Provinces, Poland and Finland; 4) ChiComs had proposed ChiCom-Japan non-aggression pact (of course, after GOJ recognizes Peiping) without requiring prior termination US-Japan Security Treaty.

Sasaki exuded confidence and said he was highly pleased with ChiCom's reception. ChiComs hinted they would like to have Chairman Kawakami lead fourth "official" JSP mission scheduled to visit Peiping in September, and insisted that mission should include anti-mainstream representatives. According Sasaki, ChiComs were flexible to point where they did not insist he reiterate Asanuma's "common enemy" statement, but were satisfied to have him endorse spirit of previous JSP-ChiCom joint declarations.

Press welcomed Mao's support for Japanese claims to Southern Kuriles, but soberly pointed out that support would have been more

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valued had it been voiced during the halcyon days of Sino-Soviet friendship. As some papers pointed out, in those days Peiping either remained silent or complained about "Japanese revanchism." All commentaries demonstrated healthy skepticism, made basic assumption that Mao's statement prompted by heating up of Sino-Soviet dispute, and noted that "smile diplomacy" of two major communist powers was increasingly focussing on Japan. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Actually not clear whether Mao referred to all Kuriles, for whose return JSP expressed hope during 1962 Diet debate, or only Southern Kuriles, whose return GOJ has raised with USSR. Terminology further confused by recent informal FonOff request to this Emb that Kunashiri and Etorofu not be called "Southern Kuriles" on grounds they historically not part of Kuriles.

Mao undoubtedly scored point against Russians in terms Japan public opinion, especially because just a few days later Soviets rejected claim to Southern Kuriles tendered by JSP mainstream delegation visiting Moscow. While public is probably pleased to gain support for regaining Japanese territory from wholly unexpected quarter, prospect of having JSP or even Japan itself become involved in Sino-Soviet dispute is not welcome. Nevertheless, parallel JSP visits to Moscow and Peiping, and Mao's attempt to dictate make-up of scheduled visit to Peiping, suggest that JSP will become increasingly subject to internal strains as result of Sino-Soviet dispute. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Gensuikyo Preparations

During past week, battle line hardened between JCP-run Council Against A and H Bombs (Gensuikyo) and JSP/Sohyo-sponsored rival "peace" organization currently using title "Liaison Council of Three (A-H Bomb) Victim Prefectures." JSP issued strict prohibition against Party members attending Gensuikyo Convention. JSP/Sohyo organization also announced that 12-member Soviet delegation headed by Soviet Peace Committee Vice-Chairman Zhukov will be among 29 representatives from nine countries who are scheduled to attend its international meeting August 3-4 in Hiroshima. ChiCom delegation, headed by Liu Ning-yi, and other foreign delegations are scheduled to attend rival series of Gensuikyo-sponsored meetings starting July 31. Not yet announced whether Soviets plan to attend Gensuikyo fete or ChiComs the JSP-sponsored rally, but unlikely that principal delegates will do so. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Each of rival organizations engaged in strenuous efforts to put on bigger show than the other. While Soviet and Chinese delegates at last year's Gensuikyo convention showed some restraint, separate forums this year should enable them to give full rein to mutual denunciations. Both organizations have in any event lost whatever popular following they may once have had, and are now rightly regarded merely as adjuncts of political parties.

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"Three Prefectures" title, hopefully awaiting change to less unwieldy one, refers to injuries to Shizuoka-ken residents in "Fukuryu Maru" incident of 1954, as well as Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings.
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4. Technical Committee

US-Japan-Ryukyuan Technical Committee's initial meeting in Naha on July 15 received much press attention. Press coverage accurately recognized that Committee's task is to facilitate Japan's aid program in Ryukyus. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Meeting of Committee, even though its functions are limited, gives Japanese encouraging impression of step forward in US-Japanese-Ryukyuan cooperation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY

5. JMSDF Training Squadron Leaves for US

JMSDF Training Squadron, under command of Rear Admiral KUHARA departed Tokyo, July 11 en route U.S. Squadron consisting of destroyers TERUZUKI (flagship), MAKINAMI, ARIAKE, and YUGURE will stop briefly at Midway, then visit Pearl Harbor, San Francisco, Seattle, and Esquimalt and Vancouver, B.C., returning to Yokosuka September 30 via Honolulu and Midway. Squadron will draw its logistical support from USN bases en route. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: First voyage by training squadron to U.S. since 1961.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

6. JMSDF Flag Officer Changes

JMSDF mid-year flag officer changes saw promotion of 4 new VADM's and 3 new RADM's, 3 retirements, and 12 transfers. Chief of Admin. Div. Maritime Staff Office (MSO), Takaichi ITAYA promoted to VADM and transferred to command Fleet Escort Force. Keishiro YAMAMOTO, Chief, Operations Div. MSO, promoted VADM but not transferred. MSO sources state that he will be assigned to relieve GSDF LTGEN Yoshio TANAKA as Director, Joint Staff Council (JSC) if Chairman GEN HAYASHI not relieved by Adm SUGIE (See WEEKA 20, Item 4). If ADM SUGIE does succeed GEN HAYASHI, best guesses are that YAMAMOTO will move up to Vice Chief, Maritime Staff job.

RADM Toshihiko TOMITA, Chief, Intel Div. MSO, failed selection for VADM and has been assigned Superintendent, 1st Service School. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: PriMin's failure to decide whether to accept GEN HAYASHI's retirement leaves staffing of JSC Chairman and Director in suspense, though ADM SUGIE's chances now believed better than those of GEN OHMORI,

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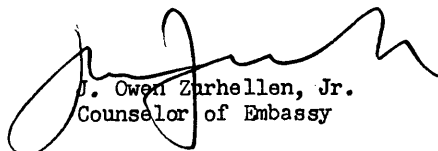
Chief Ground Staff Office (WEEKA 20, Item 4). RADM TOMITA's assignment was clear indication that, like his predecessor in intelligence job, he has no service future. (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. Visit of Royal Thai Army Chief of Staff

General SANIT Dayananda, Chief of Staff, Royal Thai Army, accompanied by four senior staff officers, arrived in Tokyo from week's visit in Korea July 13 for courtesy calls on top-ranking officials of Japan Defense Agency, Ground Self Defense Force units in Tokyo area and tours of industrial plants. The party departs Tokyo for Hong Kong July 18.

Comment: Visit was arranged by Colonel Prayudh CHARUMANI, Army and Air Attache at Thai Embassy - not at specific invitation of JDA.
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POLITICAL

1. New Cabinet Formed

PriMin IKEDA July 17 announced new Cabinet (Embtel 233) involving thorough reshuffle and some redressing of factional balance after groups which supported Ikeda in LDP presidential elections monopolized party leadership posts. In addition to naming Takeo MIKI as LDP SecGen, Ikeda selected Hideo SUTO as Policy Board Chairman and Umekichi NAKAMURA as Executive Board Chairman.

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Only FinMin Kakuei TANAKA and Agriculture-Forestry Min Munenori AKAGI retained posts. Ichiro KONO, only faction leader in new Cabinet line-up, shifted from Construction to Minister without Portfolio, responsible for Olympics arrangements. Several key appointments, including Etsusaburo SHINA as FonMin, Yoshio SAKURAUCHI as MITI, Junya KOIZUMI as JDA Director, had not appeared in voluminous local forecasts.

In terms of LDP factions, SATO received three, Kono only one besides his own, ex-ONO and KAWASHIMA 2 each, Miki and KISHI one each. Ikeda put in three of his own faction. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Final Cabinet selection, made by Ikeda personally after he reportedly had telephones at official residence cut off to insulate himself from importunate faction leaders, included number of surprises for all observers. Selection appears to meet requirements of factional balance while excluding top names (except Kono) who would presumably be tempted in present circumstances to devote efforts to intra-LDP maneuvering rather than ministerial business. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Activities of New Cabinet and LDP

PriMin Ikeda in hour-long televised press conference July 21 appeared buoyant and confident, generally promised "more of same" in reply to questions on foreign and domestic policy. Press focused on apparently casual remark Ikeda "had feeling he would like" to attend UNGA. On territorial question Ikeda distinguished US treaty-based tenure in Ryukyus from Soviet occupation of northern islands, added that reversion of Ryukyus would be matter for "highly political" negotiations based on convincing US it would be "safe" for Japan to have administrative rights in islands. PriMin also voiced confidence in new Cabinet members individually and in their capacity for teamwork, said he expected LDP solidarity notwithstanding recent election fight, expressed intention of strengthening party machinery.

New Cabinet members sprang into action in several directions. Plan of FonMin Shiina to visit Washington, London, Bonn, Paris this fall in addition to usual attendance UNGA was announced. Autonomy Minister Yoshitake and Construction Minister Koyama led inspection teams to flood-stricken Japan Sea coastal areas. Minister without Portfolio Kono, with unerring eye for political capital, decided that Tokyo water shortage bore heavily on his new responsibilities for Olympics, and prodded Metropolitan

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Government into speeding up construction of new facilities. Transportation Minister MATSUURA July 22 made strong demarche to Ambassador on US-Japan civil air negotiations.

July 21 appointments of second-level LDP officers indicated beefing-up of party machinery. Ex-FonMin OHIRA became LDP Deputy SecGen (first among five), four former Cabinet-level officials became Deputy Chairmen of LDP Policy Board, and former FinMin Mikio MIZUTA took over chairmanship of Organization Investigation Council, responsible for party "modernization," i. e. cutting power of factions. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Initial activities of new Cabinet convey impression that Ikeda seeks to counteract criticism both of himself for "do-nothing" policy and of new Ministers as mediocrities. Initial press carping at new Cabinet, which always occurs on some grounds or other, has tapered off and view seems to be growing that Cabinet has considerable potential. Sato, FUJIYAMA and allied factions who opposed Ikeda in election have been quiet since Cabinet selection, presumably licking wounds and attempting devise new strategy.

FonOff working level expressed view that other tasks, including probable convening of special Diet session late November, would preclude Ikeda attendance at UNGA, but Embassy has not been officially informed either way. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. JSP Tacks Left - Slightly

JSP Central Executive Committee meeting July 23 publicly expressed preference for somewhat more radical course, in response to fairly widespread feeling within Party that JSP has lost ground as result of its relatively unmilitant posture during past year. CEC wants to eliminate growing belief that Party leadership is rather well satisfied with Ikeda's "forward-looking" posture (which of course it really is). JSP intends to make clear that it is out to "Topple Ikeda Cabinet" and plans to oppose latter's policies all along the line. JSP also demanded convening extraordinary Diet session to last one month beginning end of August (to pass ILO Convention 87, etc.) and formally decided to dispatch fourth official Party mission to Peiping end of September (WEEKA 29, Item 2). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: "Down with Ikeda Cabinet" is kind of harsh language not recently heard from JSP, but Party leaders evidently considered it tactically wise to stem mood of accommodation with LDP which characterized recently

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ended Diet session. JSP shift to Left is normal in pre-convention period (convention is scheduled for November), but tack this early appears dictated more by feeling that Party must partly return to radical ways if it is to compete effectively with JCP for traditionally leftist third of electorate. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. CPSU-JCP Split Widens

JCP reacted strongly to unprecedented public criticism July 18 from Communist Party Soviet Union for precipitating break with Soviets. JCP issued point-by-point refutation of CPSU charges, and Akahata (Red Flag) in two rebuttals July 24 followed up with complaints that Soviets attempting to impose their philosophy on JCP. Akahata especially incensed by CPSU "interference" in JCP affairs and its support of "anti-Party element" -- clear reference to Soviet support of SHIGA and SUZUKI, who were expelled from JCP for backing nuclear test ban treaty (WEEKA 21, Item 1). (Soviets reportedly bankrolling Shiga's newspaper, Nihon no Koe, which began publishing last week.) Akahata article called Soviet leaders "splitters," and reviled Khrushchev by name for compromising with "US imperialism." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Until Shiga expulsion and latest exchanges with CPSU, Embassy had felt that JCP was still on fence though leaning far over to ChiCom side. Mutual public criticism during past week, which likely to become exacerbated during upcoming Gensuikyo conventions, indicates that JCP has now definitely jumped off fence on ChiCom side and would find it almost impossible to climb back up again. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Camp Fuji Incident

Marine sentry at Camp Fuji on night of July 19 - 20 fatally wounded Japanese woman Yuki KATSUMATA, 46, when he discovered her loitering in area supply tent on base. He challenged her three times, twice in English and once in Japanese, and when she failed to heed challenge, shot her with shotgun. USFJ filed required line of duty certificate with Japanese authorities to notify GOJ that concerned individual acted in line of duty. DCM expressed regrets to Vice Foreign Minister ODA, and Camp Fuji Base Commander called on family of victim to express regrets and present condolence money. With exception of Asahi which carried rather emotional article on shooting and alleged statements of JDA officials critical of the Marine's action, other papers presented facts in straightforward manner. Investigation, which is being conducted by US officials and Japanese police

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(latter requested to participate) is continuing. Press interest falling off, but JSP protested at Embassy July 24. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

6. Sohyo Convention

Twenty-sixth Sohyo convention (July 20 -24) marked by unprecedented critical language by and against leadership, confusion and forced votes. Although JCP on eve of convention admitted "error" in opposing Sohyo's April 17 strike, Pres. OTA in opening speech said JCP's divisive actions made impossible JCP-Sohyo joint activities, particularly in peace movements. SecGen IWAI noted that Communists' stand merited disciplinary actions by Sohyo unions and announced that JCP's confession of error would be considered by Sohyo executives after convention. Ota's report was subject of pointed attack by public service unions (particularly by Telecommunications Workers), and he was forced to change original language (conduct of 1964 spring struggle was "basically correct") to admission of "much ineptness" by leadership. Despite change, Telecommunications Workers forced holding of vote, unprecedented in Sohyo history, and dissented from Ota's report. Convention established People's Center for Protection of the Constitution, which is intended to be JSP-Sohyo vehicle for peace movements. On economic front, Ota set theme with criticism of "poverty amidst plenty," promised more successful and militant spring offensive in 1965 to lessen wage gap between public service and private sector workers. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: As consequence of JCP's dual miscalculations in its original opposition to April 17 strike and its subsequent admission of error, JCP elements inside Sohyo more isolated than ever, weakened and on defensive. Mainstream, as consequence, stronger than ever compared with pro-Communist anti-mainstream, but it remains to be seen how far leadership will try to drive advantage. Within mainstream, Ota-IWAI leadership weakened, and open criticism of them by mainstream unions may make Ota and Iwai more cautious on political as well as economic issues. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. Government Approves Entry ChiCom Traders

GOJ July 23 officially approved application for entry five ChiCom trade liaison officials, all members of China (Communist)-Japan Friendship Association. Group headed by SUN P'ing-hua, who has in past made frequent trips to Japan. Kaheita OKAZAKI, Chairman of Japan-Communist China

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Trade Liaison Council, has guaranteed that ChiCom trade officials will undertake no political activities. Officials expected arrive this month and will start talks preparing for negotiation in August of third-year trade program under LIAO-TAKASAKI (L-T) five-year trade agreement. Okazaki reportedly hopes increase level of L-T trade (exclusive of so-called "friendly-firm trade") to \$200 million in 1965 compared with \$147 million planned for 1964. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ approval follows GOJ agreement with Okazaki early this month on conditions of admission of ChiCom officials (A-45). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. GOJ Refuses Entry of Six ChiCom Officials

Justice Ministry July 22 refused entry to CHAO An-po, Secretary-General, China (Communist)-Japan Friendship Society, and WANG Chao-hua, Deputy Chairman, All-China Youth Federation, to attend Gensuikyo (National Council Against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs) meeting (JCP-sponsored) early August in Hiroshima. Ministry further cut ChiCom delegation by four unnamed officials, thus reducing delegation to 15 from 21 requested. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Chao had criticized Japanese internal politics, particularly DSP, during previous visit past spring and presumably Wang had done same. Thus GOJ maintaining policy excluding ChiComs who known to indulge in political activity in Japan. Reduction in numbers of ChiCom delegates puts them on equal footing with Soviet delegation which will be attending similar JSP-sponsored meeting and possibly Gensuikyo meeting as well. (UNCLASSIFIED)

9. GOJ Contemplates Aid to Korea and Vietnam

PriMin Ikeda July 22 instructed FonMin work out with other Ministries detailed plans for economic assistance to GVN and ROK. FonOf has proposed total grant aid to GVN of \$2 million (which FonMin Shiina and FinMin Tanaka reportedly agreed July 23 to cut to \$1,500,000) and extension of \$20 million credit to ROK for purchase raw materials, spare parts and equipment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: First shipment of aid goods to GVN (valued at \$500,000) planned for end of July. Shipment will include 10,000 low-cost radios. In addition to credit to Korea, GOJ announced July 16 increase in quota for

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imports Korean laver by one million bundles worth about two million dollars. GOJ is still considering possibility increased imports other Korean fisheries products and coking coal. (UNCLASSIFIED)

10. Japanese Visit Attu Battlefield

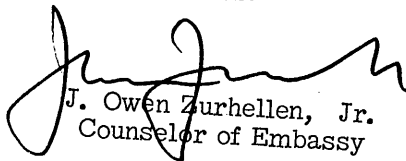
Led by Chief Priest of Yakushiji Temple of Nara, a group of 18 representatives of bereaved families and survivors visited Attu Island July 23 - 24 to search for remains and to conduct memorial services. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese have increased pressures recently to make memorial visits to former Japanese-held areas in the Pacific, including northern islands now held by USSR. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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5. Press Reaction to Goldwater Nomination

POLITICAL

1. Sino-Soviet Clash In Gensuikyo

JCP-controlled Council Against A- and H-Bombs (Gensuikyo) July 30 opened International Conference in Tokyo, first in series of scheduled conferences and conventions sponsored by rival Japanese organizations (WEEKA 29, Item 3). International Conference began and ended first-day session in utter confusion. ChiCom-Soviet dispute reportedly began day before meeting opened, and made it impossible elect foreign delegates to presidium and steering committee, ignominiously leaving International Conference initially in Japanese hands. Japanese delegate promptly threw meeting into uproar by asking for poll of all foreign delegates to see who was planning to attend rival Hiroshima and Nagasaki Conference to Ban A- and H-Bombs (Gensuikin)

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sponsored by JSP and Sohyo. Chief ChiCom delegate LIU Ning-i chimed in, reportedly accusing his Soviet opposite number of "wrecking" activities against Japan anti-AH movement since 9th Conference last year. Unable to continue, Conference recessed. Japanese delegation then met separately and passed resolution to bar those delegates also attending Gensuikin meetings from running for office in Gensuikyo-sponsored affairs. Pro-ChiCom majority of foreign delegates accepted this proposal, but Soviets balked.

Preview to anticipated clashes provided by Second World Religionists Peace Conference staged by Communists in Tokyo July 27 - 29, at which pro-ChiCom majority and pro-Soviet minority, failing to find wording to bridge their differences, did not touch on test ban treaty in "Tokyo Declaration," which confined to expression of opposition to "US nuclear policy."

Following International Conference, Gensuikyo schedule calls for 10th World Convention in Kyoto August 3 (its major show), additional conferences and memorial meetings in Kyoto, Osaka and Hiroshima, winding up with rally in Nagasaki August 9. Gensuikin will stage Hiroshima Convention August 3 - 7 and Nagasaki Convention August 9. Almost lost in Gensuikyo-Gensuikin rivalry, DSP-affiliated anti-nuclear organization, Kakkin Kaigi, will hold convention in Hiroshima August 1 - 2. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: All signs point to "victory" in terms of number of participants for ChiCom-subsidized Gensuikyo over Gensuikin, which Soviets are probably assisting to lesser degree. Owing to public apathy regarding anti-nuclear movement, rival conventions likely to have little impact beyond leftist circles.

Soviet delegation arrived in Japan with syrupy statements about seeking reunification of Japanese peace movement, but uncertain how much longer they can hold on in Gensuikyo in face of concerted and obviously pre-arranged ChiCom/JCP effort to humiliate and possibly expel them. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. New High Commissioner Visits Tokyo

Lt. General Albert Watson II visited Tokyo July 30 - 31 for calls and consultation en route to Ryukyus where he will be High Commissioner. Unprecedented call by HICOM on PriMin and calls on FonMin and DirGen of PriMin's office, and DirGen of Japan Defense Agency were relaxed and friendly. General Watson agreed with PriMin's and FonMin's expressed wish

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that Okinawa be administered in accordance Kennedy-IKEDA statement. Heavy press and TV coverage was generally favorable. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Strong official and media interest in General Watson's visit reflects extent of Japanese concern over current situation in Ryukyus and attention to US administration there. General Watson's initial contact with Japanese seems to have given them feeling of friendliness and confidence in him as new High Commissioner. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. GRC Seeks Clarification GOJ Views on China

Chinese Ambassador WEI Tao-ming, in first call on new FonMin SHIINA July 29, sought clarification Ikeda's press conference statement July 21 that GOJ would "center" its policy on Communist China and that GRC beginning to "understand" Japanese policy of separation of trade from politics. Shiina explained Ikeda had meant that Japan must take into account fact that Communist China exists and exerts great influence; Ikeda had not meant that GOJ would seek closer political relations with ChiCom regime. Wei referred to ill feeling reports of such statements create in Taiwan, and requested GOJ spokesmen frame their statements concerning Communist China with great care. Wei also brought up questions of second vinylon plant sale and OKAZAKI (Chairman All Nippon Airlines) proposal sell YS-11 aircraft to ChiComs. Shiina said GOJ still seeking private means finance vinylon plant, and aircraft sale not under consideration. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: This first misunderstanding following Ambassador Wei's arrival seems to have passed with minimum adverse effects. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. GOJ to Give ROK Two Fishing Boats

Press reported GOJ will construct 130-ton trawler and 250-ton tuna fishing boat, costing \$500,000, to be assigned to Pusan fishing training center. Vessels will be presented as part of Japanese \$2 million contribution to UN Special Fund. FonOff sources emphasized this action did not constitute change in policy, since 1958, to bar export fishing craft to Korea as long as Koreans seize Japanese fishing boats. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While Japanese action does not constitute break in formal policy, donation fishing craft instead of some other form of contribution to Special Fund illustrative Japanese efforts improve its image in Korea to facilitate eventual normalization of relations. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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PSYCHOLOGICAL5. Press Reaction to Goldwater Nomination

Japanese editorials and columns interpreted nomination Senator Goldwater as triumph of "reactionary and isolationist" forces in the GOP. Media showed surprise at strength of conservative element in American politics, and expressed fear nomination might move Administration toward more conservative policies, including trade protectionism.

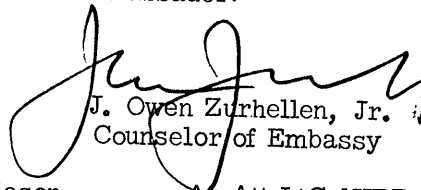
While editorial writers and commentators thought GOP unlikely to win in November, they did speculate that (1) such eventuality would be disastrous for US and its present system of alliances or (2) realities would force drastic revisions in Senator Goldwater's presently stated positions. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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2. ROK-Japan Relations
3. JSP Mission Returns from Eastern Europe
4. Reaction to Vietnam Counter-Strikes
5. GSDF Helps Counter Tokyo Water Shortage

POLITICAL1. Soviets Quit Gensuikyo Conference

About 40 Soviet and pro-Soviet delegates at International Conference of Council Against A- and H-Bombs (Gensuikyo) in early morning of August 1 notified sponsors they would not attend any more sessions. Open break occurred after pro-Soviet representatives not only were denied right to serve as executives (WEEKA 31, Item 1), but also prevented from addressing Conference on spurious ground two days' notice required to speak. Leader of Soviet delegation, Georgi ZHUKOV, at press conference denounced Conference as "Peiping Puppet Theater," charged ChiComs and Japan Communist Party (JCP) with duplicity, and complained that Conference was packed with at least 50 "phantoms" who represented only themselves. ChiComs retorted

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with charges of "hypocrisy" and "double-faced tactics" against Soviets. Following Soviet withdrawal and ChiCom/JCP consolidation of control, Gensuikyo activities proceeded smoothly. Gensuikyo-sponsored World Convention in Kyoto drew about 30,000 participants (police figures) including 140 foreigners from 48 countries.

Rival Gensuikin Convention sponsored by JSP/Sohyo in Hiroshima August 6 drew around 15,000 participants including about 125 foreign delegates from 44 countries; Soviets and Ichizo SUZUKI (recently expelled from JCP) attended. While Gensuikin expressed opposition to U.S. actions in Vietnam, Convention far more enthusiastic about criticizing ChiComs and JCP for actions against unity of anti-bomb movement. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Uncompromisingly tough line adopted by ChiComs/JCP, in which Soviet intention of attending Gensuikin pinpointed as grounds for attacking them in Gensuikyo, tends to harden battle line between JCP and JSP. While likely that ChiComs will portray Soviet outster as major step in international rejection of Soviet "revisionism," their ruthless militancy apparently left bad taste in mouth of all participants and local observers except those already totally committed to ChiCom side. In practical domestic Japanese terms, Gensuikyo break-up should increase JSP's difficulties in sending proposed mission to Peiping and virtually rule out joint JSP/JCP mass movement activities. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. ROK-Japan Relations

New U.S. Ambassador to Korea Winthrop Brown paid courtesy call on Asian Bureau Director USHIROKU August 6 during which he stressed U.S. interest in ROK-Japan settlement and expressed hope GOJ efforts to reach settlement would continue. He also explained U.S. concept of DAC consultative group. Ushiroku noted that in addition measures already taken to improve relations with Korea, GOJ intended increase number Colombo Plan scholarships beyond current 50, provide limited university fellowship program and work for modest increases in imports of larger number products. Ushiroku hoped ROK would respond to these moves by permitting Japanese mission in Seoul and ceasing seize Japanese fishing vessels. He favored resumption normalization negotiations but skeptical ROKG ability advance situation now in view domestic ROK political situation. GOJ interested in consultative group but feared ROK could use it extract further contributions from GOJ. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Korean Ambassador PAE and ForMin SHIINA agreed August 6 resume fisheries negotiations in September. Shiina declined Pae's invitation make "unofficial" visit to Korea soon on ground pressing business. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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From Tokyo3. JSP Mission Returns from Eastern Europe

Socialist Party (JSP) mission led by Secretary General Tomomi NARITA returned to Japan August 3 after visits to Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania (WEEKA 26, Item 3). Planned visits to France and Italy dropped, but will be rescheduled as part of broader JSP mission to Western Europe later this year. In Tokyo airport interview Narita stressed warmth and scale of reception accorded JSP team everywhere which he attributed to high regard felt for Japanese people. In effort strike responsible, statesmanlike pose, Narita pointed out that Khrushchev had extended Konbu (tangle) collecting agreement for one year, had in principle agreed to grave visits in Soviet-held Habomai and Shikotan, and had backed idea of Khabarovsk-Niigata air route. Narita said he had represented Japanese people's feelings in making claim for northern territories, but Soviet opposition was "unexpectedly" strong. Narita also said that trip convinced him of correctness of JSP line on "peaceful revolution," and showed there were various "nuances" of socialism. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Despite extensive public praise for hosts, at least some prominent JSP travellers apparently were impressed by failures of socialist system, especially as regards "bureaucratism" and poor quality of consumer goods. In fact, likely that most lasting impression of trip will be that Japan is a pretty good country. Socialists were surprised and probably quite pleased by extent of nationalistic feelings in Eastern Europe. While impressions of trip likely to ferment rather slowly, and may not directly affect more than small segment of Party, mission to Moscow together with other developments such as Gensuikyo Convention may bring about decisive and welcome changes in JSP in direction of becoming more national, less class, party. Significant in this connection that JSP mission did not attack GOJ, as previous overseas missions have done. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Reaction to Vietnam Counter-Strikes

Initial GOJ reaction to U.S. strike at North Vietnam naval bases and forces August 5 (Japan Time) recognized U.S. action as "inevitable" in face of North Vietnam naval attacks but stressed hope that situation would be resolved speedily and without further expansion of hostilities. Same tone dominated Japan media coverage. Small protest delegations and telegrams from JCP and other extreme left groups as expected demanded U.S. "end aggression" in Vietnam, agree to 14-nation conference, not use Japan and Okinawa bases, "get out of Asia." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

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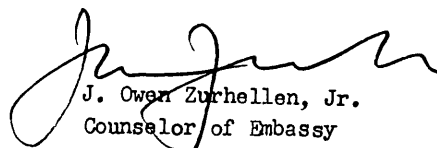
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From TokyoMILITARY5. GSDF Helps Counter Tokyo Water Shortage

Added restrictions reduced Tokyo water consumption to 45% below normal August 7 when level of three major reservoirs serving the are dropped to 2.9% of capacity. In response to the city government's request, GSDF has provided a major part of the 305 vehicles reported available for distribution of water to most severely affected districts and has established a unit at Camp Nerima to control water supply activities. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

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2. Continuing Reaction on Vietnam
3. Chang Chun Arrives on "Unofficial" Visit
4. ChiCom Trade Liaison Group Arrives
5. NPA Recommends Wage Increases for Government Employees
6. Sino-Soviet Split Gives Birth to Rival Communist Publications
7. JSDF Top-Level Personnel Changes

POLITICAL1. Kono Stays in Water Situation Limelight

August 11 PriMin Ikeda named Minister Without Portfolio Ichiro KONO head of newly established liaison group including governors of neighboring prefectures and Ministries of Health-Welfare, Agriculture-Forestry, Construction, and Autonomy, and Economic Planning Agency, to coordinate plans for drawing water supply for Tokyo from Arakawa and Tonegawa rivers. Kono has taken on water shortage problem, worst in Tokyo's history, with characteristic vigor and flair. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Water supply problem currently is number one concern of Tokyo press and population, which gives it considerable political importance. If Kono can get credit for solving it, he will boost both his popularity and his reputation as man who gets things done. This could help his Prime-Ministerial ambitions, particularly at time when need for more governmental effort in construction of public service facilities is growing theme in Japan. Popularity with public does not, of course, necessarily decide whom LDP picks as party leader and primin.

2. Continuing Reaction on Vietnam

FonMin SHIINA and JDA Director Koizumi appeared before House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee August 10 for questioning on Tonkin Gulf clashes, affirmed GOJ acceptance US version of what happened and rebutted Opposition suggestions that movements of US forces from Japan bases around time of incidents contravened Security Treaty provisions for US-Japan consultation. Embassy continued receive protest telegrams from far-left groups, limited number of protest delegations but no further demonstrations this week. Representatives of front groups describing selves as spokesmen for "emergency meeting to stop American aggression in Indochina" August 13 delivered protest in name of meeting held August 10 at Hibiya with claimed 20,000 attendance. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Front groups appear to be having difficulty in keeping up even limited protest activity apparent to date. Major specific theme of protests is that 14-Nation conference, rather than UN, should deal with situation. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Chang Chun Arrives on "Unofficial" Visit

GRC Presidential Secretary General CHANG Chun arrived Tokyo August 12 for 10-day unofficial visit, returning former PriMin YOSHIDA's February visit (WEEKA No. 9). Chang met at airport by FonMin SHIINA, former PriMin KISHI, former FonMin OHIRA, LDP leaders SATO and ISHII and top business leaders. Chang, in airport statement, said recent events in SEA demonstrated Chicom's root of evil in Asia and said free countries of Asia should cooperate to achieve peace and prosperity. According to press, Chang met PriMin IKEDA August 13 and extended invitation to visit Taiwan; Ikeda replied he desires accept invitation as soon as normalization with Korea achieved, which he hoped would be as soon as possible. Chang said he would urge Koreans to normalize relations with Japan during his forthcoming trip to Seoul August 21. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Arrival Chicom trade liaison group on day following Chang's arrival (which may not have been entirely coincidental), announcement August 13 Nichibo Spinning Company that it prepared sign contract next week for sale second vinylon plant to mainland (A-1615), and PriMin's reiteration August 12 to fully back plan for exchange of newsmen between

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Japan and Peiping highlight policy differences between GRC and GOJ. However, distinguished nature of welcoming party and arrangements for visit indicative desire GOJ to strengthen political and economic relations with GRC.
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4. ChiCom Trade Liaison Group Arrives

Five-man ChiCom trade liaison group, headed by SUN P'ing-hua, First Deputy Secretary General of Chinese People's Association for Cultural Relations With Foreign Countries, arrived Tokyo August 13. Other members of group are WU Shu-tung, from ChiCom Ministry of Foreign Trade, CHEN Kang, of Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs, LIN Po and KANG Min. They will establish selves in offices of Japan-Communist) China Overall Trade Liaison Council (TAKASAKI Office), will not be permitted to put up own office sign, fly Chicom flag or engage in political activities. They do not have status of officials but of "trade liaison personnel, for whose actions Kabeita OKAZAKI, head of Takasaki Office, has assumed responsibility. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Agreement for exchange trade liaison personnel reached during LDP leader Kenzo MATSUMURA's visit to Peiping last April (WEEKA 19).
(UNCLASSIFIED)

5. NPA Recommends Wage Increases for Government Employees

The National Personnel Authority (NPA) August 12 recommended to the Cabinet and Diet wage increases averaging 7.9% (¥2,598, or \$7.22, monthly) for Government employees, retroactive to May 1. To make Government employment more attractive--particularly to young workers who are in short supply and also the prime target for recruitment by private industry--NPA recommended substantial increases in starting wages. It proposed raising monthly wage level of newly-hired high school graduates from ¥12,400 to ¥14,100, and college graduates from ¥17,100 to ¥19,100. It also recommended hikes in certain bonuses and allowances which would raise recommended increase to over-all average of 8.5%, which is the extent of the gap which NPA found to exist between wages in public and private sectors. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Neither management nor labor circles appeared to be outraged by NPA's recommendations, which apparently came as no surprise in light of rising living costs and disparity of wages between private and government workers. It can be expected that GOJ will accept the recommendations, but change effective date to October 1 of the current year, as it has done in the past. NPA recommended wage raises will require supplementary budget which expected to be submitted to next Diet session. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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From Tokyo6. Sino-Soviet Split Gives Birth to Rival Communist Publications

Appearance this week of another Moscow-line periodical in Japan highlighted effect of Sino-Soviet dispute on party propaganda activities.

In past two months exchanges between Moscow and JCP have become steadily more acrimonious, with JCP now clearly following pro-Peking line.

In revelation of July 11 CPSU letter to JCP, Tass quoted early June instruction of Nauka Book Agency, "which, as is known, is working under guidance of Central Committee of JCP", to its branch offices ordering liquidation of all but "minimal amount" of Soviet publications.

Three days before Tass accusation, Shiga-Suzuki "Voice of Japan Comrades Society" brought out new weekly newspaper "Voice of Japan". August 3 Akahata bitterly attacked Voice of Japan as "Voice of Moscow", noting close similarity of name to Voice of America, "a provocative overseas radio beamed by U.S.-imperialists."

This week, another Shiga-Suzuki publication appeared: monthly magazine Internatinnal. Note inside front cover states this is renewal of Communist publication of late 1920s and early 1930s once edited by Shiga and "inherits the traditions" of that journal. With Katanae Shoin as publishing House, International carries ad only for Shiga-Suzuki book explaining their Diet vote for test treaty and ads for Soviet-source books in Japanese. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Current series of public repercussions among Japanese Communists of Sino-Soviet dispute erupted with JCP expulsion Shiga and Suzuki who then formed "Voice of Japan Comrades Society"; spread into ideological field with mutual CPSU-JCP attacks; disrupted front organizations in recent divided anti-bomb conferences; now appears in publication anti-JCP paper and magazine. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY7. JSDF Top-Level Personnel Changes

After ten years in Office, General Keizo Hayashi retired August 14, as Chairman of Joint Staff Council, JSDF, to be succeeded by Admiral Ichizo Sugie, present Chief of Maritime Staff. Other top level moves generated by retirement of Hayashi: Admiral Tomoharu Nishimura goes from Vice-Chief to Chief of Maritime Staff; Vice-Admiral Keishiro Yamamoto steps up to Vice-Chief position from Chief of Operations Division, MSO. Director, Joint Staff Office, Lieutenant General Yoshio Tanaka also retired effective August 14. His successor is Lieutenant General Seiichi Yoshie, GSDF, former Commander of 13th Division. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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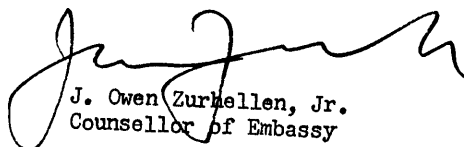
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Comment: Admiral Sugie will be first professional military man
to hold the top military position in JSDF. (UNCLASSIFIED)


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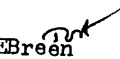
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1. LDP Factional Harmony Problems

New LDP Executive Board membership announced August 18 was notable chiefly for absence of Eisaku SATO, Aiichiro FUJIYAMA, and other prominent leaders of "out" factions of LDP. Sato and Fujiyama reportedly declined invitations to join Executive Board. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: PriMin IKEDA has reportedly hoped to make Executive Board an organ for formal and effective decision-making within LDP and bringing "out" LDP faction leaders into organic association with his Government and Party structure, as one step toward LDP "modernization." Sato and Fujiyama absence leaves Executive Board

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essentially debating society which it has been in past. Their absence also raises problem in connection with LDP Election Policy Committee, whose members in past have been named by factions. Last year, while all LDP "big wheels" held appropriate office, Election Policy Committee membership regulations were revised to base representation on positions held rather than factional nominations. It now appears it may be impossible to secure top-level representation of all factions on Election Policy Committee, which would add to image of "in" and "out" parties within LDP as it faces House of Councillors election this autumn.

2. LDP VP Endorses Single-Seat Constituencies

LDP Vice-President Kawashima at recent Hakone meeting of his faction expressed support for adoption of "small electoral district" system for Lower House elections. Kawashima's action stirred new press interest in possibility LDP might seek to carry out some modification of electoral system during current Ikeda term. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Current "medium electoral district" system, in which several LDP candidates may in effect compete against one another for conservative vote, is mainstay of LDP faction system. Single-seat districts are therefore key feature of proposals for "party modernization." Major faction leaders and many incumbent LDP representatives have strong reservations about proposals for change, from standpoint of their own positions, and Kawashima announcement by no means indicates early revision. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Chinese Goodwill Visit

As final event in 9-day good will visit, CHANG Chun, Secretary General of GRC, met for 30 minutes with PriMin IKEDA August 20. They had also met on August 13. PriMin reportedly promised to expand Japan's economic cooperation with Taiwan and proposed more active exchanges of official visits. Chang, on his part, sounded out Ikeda on normalization of Japan-Korea relations (since Korea is next on Chang's itinerary) and Ikeda expressed intention to strive for success of negotiations with Korea. Chang also saw former PriMins Yoshida and Kishi, ForMin Shiina, LDP faction leaders Sato, Kono, and Kawashima during visit.

Comment: Chang appears to have handle himself well in difficult situation stemming from simultaneous arrival Chicom trade representatives and press reports on vinylon plant sales prospects. Visit probably will result in net improvement Japanese-GRC relations; visit received relatively little public attention, however. LDP Diet member who said he was present at Chang-Kishi meeting described Chang as pleased with his reception by LDP and GOJ leaders but far from satisfied with GOJ position in discussions of mainland trade question. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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From Tokyo4. Soviet Musicians Seek Asylum

Two Soviet jazz musicians, ages 31 and 26, touring Japan with troupe of entertainers, sought asylum at U.S. Embassy August 14. After interrogation by Japanese police they were permitted to depart August 16 for travel to reception center in Germany. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Japanese public, sympathetic to jazz players' wish to escape from government control of music in USSR, fully endorsed GOJ's speedy and effective handling of this matter. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Okinawa Microwave Agreement

After protracted negotiations (8 months) the Japanese and Ryukyun telephone-telegraph corporations reached agreement August 20 on financial arrangements for use of microwave facilities to transmit television programs and telephone communications to Okinawa. Agreement provides that two corporations will divide revenue on a 50-50 basis for a three year trial period. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ was especially eager to reach agreement in time to permit microwave facilities, major cost of which was paid by Japan, to be used for telecasting Tokyo Olympic programs to Okinawa. Delay in reaching agreement had threatened to become an issue for settlement at the governmental level. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. GVN Vice-Premier Visit

GVN Vice-Premier Do MAU, visiting Japan on return trip from Seoul, called on PriMin Ikeda and FonMin Shiina August 20. According to press accounts he expressed thanks for GOJ economic assistance, asked Shiina to send mission to South Vietnam to explore further aid possibilities. Mau reportedly said he had been pro-Japan from youth, had been rescued by Japanese from French prison in 1943. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

7. Chicoms Agree on Newsman Exchange Numbers

LDP Diet member Kenzo Matsumura told press he had informed PriMin Ikeda August 14 that he had secured agreement of LIAO Cheng-chih, as Chairman of China-Japan Friendship Association, to increase number of newsmen to be exchanged from eight to nine in accordance with Japanese press desires. Ikeda, according to Matsumura, said he would consider matter. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Matsumura move rekindled Japanese press hopes for realization of exchange, which had been quiescent since GOJ withheld approval for June exchange scheduled in Liao-Matsumura April memo. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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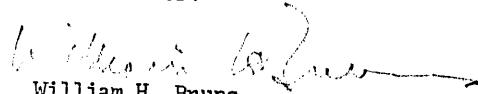
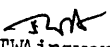

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From TokyoMILITARY8. MSDF Submarines Return from Hawaii

Maritime Self Defense Force submarines WAKASHIO and HAYASHIO returned to Japan August 19 after 8 weeks training utilizing USN facilities in Hawaiian waters. (WEEKA 23, Item 6). The two subs set a new Japanese record for submerged navigation enroute, traveling 2,000 miles underwater between Midway and Japan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

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POLITICAL

1. GOJ Concurrs Formally in SSN Port Entry

Following 20 months of discussions over safety and other aspects of nuclear-propelled submarines (SSN), GOJ August 28 gave formal favorable reply to proposal for port entry of SSN. Cabinet concurrence in SSN port call, not required under US-Japan Security Treaty but deemed desirable in view of sensitivity of subject, followed Japan Atomic Energy Commission report that visit posed no insurmountable safety problem. GOJ August 28 issued report on

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negotiations with US designed to reassure public that SSN is safe.

Advance news reports, apparently leaked deliberately by GOJ to blunt reaction to impending announcement, also indicated that first SSN visit was likely in late September or early October in Sasebo.

JSP promptly called Central Executive Committee meeting August 27 to plan series of rallies and strategy for Diet committee interpellations in early September. JCP also mobilizing its strength against SSN visit, thus far independently of JSP. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Militant opposition of JCP was foregone conclusion, but extent to which Sohyo unions can be brought into active opposition will largely determine how much commotion SSN port call will actually cause. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. JSP Theory Committee Report

JSP Theory Committee (Chairman Mosaburo SUZUKI) August 23^{issued} outline of its final report to be submitted to Central Executive Committee in September and Party convention in November. Committee was established as outgrowth of debate in January 1962 convention between proponents of Saburo EDA's "structural reform theory" (borrowed from Togliatti), which foresees using existing economic and parliamentary framework to achieve Party goals, and opponents led by theoretician SAKISAKI, anti-mainstream leader Sasaki and Sohyo President Ota who view theory as "revisionist." Theory Committee was supposed to put an end to argument about whether structural reform was "strategic" (i.e. long range) or "tactical" (i.e. short range) program.

Committee report stressed areas of theoretical agreement between two wings of Party, and completely avoided specific reference to "structural reform." Moderates felt vindicated by report's willingness to give "serious consideration" to present-day Japanese democratic institutions, while anti-structural reformists happy about report's emphasis on mass movements. Report describes JSP's ultimate goal as "socialist democracy," contrasted with "dictatorship of proletariat" on one hand and "bourgeois democracy" on other. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Committee report was disappointment for press and those elements who had hoped that JSP would discard its sterile Marxist arguments. Instead of giving Party a "vision," or concrete examples of how it expects to get into power and what it plans to do once it gets in, report does nothing to solve Party's immediate problems. In "theoretical" arguments mainstream obviously suffers disadvantage, but if report reflects Party's basic attitudes at all accurately, JSP has long way to go to become realistic parliamentary opposition comparable to western European social-democratic groups. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. DSP, JSP Delegates Depart for Socialist International

Democratic Socialist Party Chairman Suehiro NISHIO and DSP Diet member Eiichi NAGASUE left Tokyo August 25 to attend annual meeting of

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Socialist International in Brussels. En route, Nishio expected to meet with Labor Party Chairman Wilson in London, and on return trip with Nenni in Rome. Nagasue plans to stop off in Saigon and Vientiane on way back. At airport press conference August 25 Nishio said that in address to Socialist International directors he will urge restraint on US, Communist China and North Vietnam not to expand Indochina conflict. He also plans to propose establishment of secretariats in Asia and Africa to balance Socialist International's European leanings.

Japan Socialist Party decided to dispatch Motojiro MORI (Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman of International Bureau) and Fusao YAMAGUCHI (Chief Secretary in International Bureau) to attend meeting in Brussels. They were scheduled to leave August 28. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: As usual, DSP will use Socialist International forum to castigate pro-Communist leanings of JSP, in this case by referring to JSP-CPSU communique at conclusion of JSP mission to Moscow (WEEK 26, Item 3) in which the two parties expressed substantial agreement on numerous issues and pledged cooperation in fight for peace. JSP will undoubtedly try to avoid becoming further isolated in Socialist International, but not at expense of conceding any vital position. Cooling of JSP relations with ChiComs since last year's meeting likely to diminish intensity of JSP defense of ChiCom policies. JSP plans to follow up visit to Moscow and projected September visit to Peiping with official visit to Western Europe, including Britain, in fall. Accordingly, Mori (from right wing of JSP) may be fairly conciliatory at Socialist International. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. JCP Convention Date Set

Central Committee (CC) of Japan Communist Party (JCP) August 23 announced plan to hold ninth convention of JCP November 24-28.

According to public security authorities, Central Committee also decided to suspend for three months Party rights of CC members Shigeo KAMIYAMA and Shigeharu NAKANO on grounds they violated Party regulations over the expulsion of pro-Moscow leaders Yoshio SHIGA and Ichizo SUZUKI. Nakano had voted against expulsion and Kamiyama abstained. Central Committee also expelled Miss Ineko SATA (writer), Ichitaro KOKUBO (writer) and Yoshimichi WATANABE (historian) for criticizing JCP's disciplinary actions against Shiga and Suzuki. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Announcement of definite date for oft-postponed Party convention and expulsions are clearly related. At risk of further alienating some intellectuals, JCP decided to purge oppositionists who could have been expected to cause trouble at convention. Additional expulsions of smaller fry can be expected so that Party can trumpet its pro-ChiCom unity in November.

GOJ source told EmbOff Shiga might be invited to Moscow-convened meeting of all CP's, when and if latter held. If report correct, Soviets have apparently not given up hope for counter-attack on JCP mainstream. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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PriMin Ikeda flew to Kumamoto for one-day Cabinet meeting August 23, accompanied by six members of Cabinet. Before Kyushu audience Ikeda and colleagues stressed hopes for speeding up rural development to bring backward areas closer to national standard, and urged farmers' cooperation in this effort. Ikeda then went to Hiroshima where he stumped his electoral district for first time in nearly two years and visited A-bomb memorials. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: "One-day Cabinet meeting" in remote areas continues practice of last two years when meetings held Okayama and Aomori. Press indicated some of accompanying Cabinet Ministers non-plussed by rural areas' lack of interest in development plans. Ikeda reportedly warmly received both areas, took occasion to rebut critics who call his administration "do-nothing." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. More Views on Electoral District Revision

PriMin Ikeda on Kyushu trip told press he hoped receive recommendations on revision of electoral system from 3rd Electoral System Deliberation Council scheduled to convene early September. He expressed view that LDP should not ram through changes such as small electoral districts (WEEKA 34, Item 2) without obtaining understanding of opposition parties and public opinion.

JSP SecGen NARITA August 21 told reporters Socialist Party continued oppose small electoral district system and thought proportional representation best means of eliminating present election abuses. LDP faction leader Aichihiro FUJIYAMA on trip to Tokushima said August 23 that real problem was amount of money expended in election campaigns. If a change of electoral system could solve this problem he would agree to it but subject needed careful study. Soka Gakkai political arm Komeikai, which has announced plans run 30 candidates in next House of Representatives election, denounced small district system as effort to circumscribe its political growth. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Continuing interest in revision of electoral system makes it likely that Ikeda will in fact seek to reform some features on basis of 3rd Electoral System Deliberation Council report. Informed opinion continues regard simple adoption of small district system as very unlikely in view of opposition of JSP and many incumbent LDP Diet members. It is also far from certain that such simple solution would solve more problems than it would create. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. Tokyo Government Structural Change Under Study

Tokyo Metropolitan Governor AZUMA met August 24 with LDP Vice Pres KAWASHIMA to discuss latter's proposal for creation of central government agency which would exercise closer supervision of metropolitan area affairs than does present Ministry of Local Autonomy. Azuma reportedly agreed to concept provided Agency's functions were primarily coordination

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of relations between ministries and metropolitan government, but objected to any infringement of "local autonomy." UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Failure of metropolitan government to produce results in this summer's water shortage and other public service problems had led to vocal demands for doing something about situation. Azuma himself is object of much criticism and his plea for local autonomy will be weakened accordingly. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. Japan-Korea Negotiations

Japan-Korea normalization negotiations received setback August 26 when: 1) ROKG seized one Japanese fishing boat out of large number which allegedly were operating within "territorial waters" of Korea's southern coast; 2) ROK Ambassador objected to "severe" terms of GOJ offer of \$20 million loan (for two years at 5.75%) for industrial-consumer purchases, and requested terms comparable to those which GOJ gave Indonesia several months ago (five years at same interest rate). (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Fishing boat incident was especially irksome to GOJ since boat owned by LDP Diet member, and seizure exposed ForMin to strong Diet Committee interpellation by member of his own party. This, together with Korea's criticism of loan, is discouraging GOJ from further efforts to facilitate resumption of normalization negotiations.

One bright spot in Japan-Korea relations, however, was satisfactory visit of 12 Korean legislators. Although miffed at lack of appropriate courtesies on arrival (Japanese did not know visitors had changed travel plans), legislators received favorable impression of Japan though press ignored visit. (CONFIDENTIAL)

9. Medical Team for Vietnam

Japan's six-man medical team departed for Saigon August 22. Departure of team was delayed several days by leftist-generated pressure and threats against team members. GOJ refused to disclose whereabouts of team and put lid on publicity prior to departure. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Unusual steps which GOJ felt necessary to assure departure of team reflects strength of leftist opposition to aid to Vietnam and lack of general public support for such aid. Nevertheless, GOJ intends to organize and send another team. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

10. ILA

International Law Association met in Tokyo August 17-22. American delegation included several distinguished jurists. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Actions taken during meeting, especially those of working committee on coexistence, were consistent with US policy objectives. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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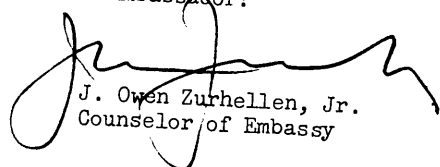
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Prime Minister IKEDA, accompanied by JDA Director General KOIZUMI, August 22 inspected JSDF facilities. Tour included visit to ASDF training unit, GSDF Division and MSDF Officer Candidate School. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Visit was first widely publicized tour of defense installations by Prime Minister, indicating increased importance GOJ is attaching to its defense forces. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL

1. SUBROC and SSNs

SSN problem entered new phase as result Diet opposition interpellations ForMin and JDA officials September 1, 2 and 3, centering on SSNs and SUBROC. During September 1 session, KAIHARA, Chief Defense Bureau, JDA, quoted as saying all SUBROCS are nuclear weapons and will be put on SSNs as part weapons system. He claimed that U.S. Navy had given up idea producing SUBROCS with conventional warheads for SSNs. KOIZUMI, Director General, JDA, then, according press, said that if SSNs equipped with nuclear SUBROCS entered

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Japanese ports it would mean that the U.S. was introducing nuclear weapons into Japan. Following day, GOJ issued "unified statement" that if SUBROCS, which it now considered nuclear weapons, were on SSN visiting port in Japan, such visit would be subject prior consultation between U.S. and Japan. On September 3 FonMin SHIINA reported as telling Upper House Foreign Affairs Committee plans to install SUBROC on some SSNs did not mean that all SSNs should be considered as carrying nuclear weapons; entry of SSNs carrying SUBROC would be subject of prior consultation; Japan unequivocally against stationing of nuclear weapons on its territory and therefore impossible for U.S. to obtain permission to bring SUBROC-carrying SSNs to Japan. He rejected JSP/DSP demand that GOJ seek written promise from U.S. not to bring nuclear weapons into Japan, saying that "best guarantee" given in Security Treaty, its attached documents and KISHI-Eisenhower joint statement, so that no new exchange of documents needed. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Embassy watching developments closely. Official texts of interpellations not yet available. SUBROC complications, on which GOJ attempting put best face, have given opposition new grist for mill in Diet, but have not thus far produced any indication of substantially increased public concern on entry issue. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Anti-SSN Campaign

In week since GOJ's favorable reply on US proposed SSN port call in Japan, opposition groups have staged several small demonstrations, mostly in Tokyo, Sasebo, and Yokosuka, only one of which attracted more than 1,000 participants. September 3 rally sponsored by JSP/Sohyo in Tokyo was biggest effort to date and drew 7,800. No incidents reported from rally but in subsequent demonstration in which about 4,200 took part, about 200 students became unruly and 4 were arrested. Additional rallies planned this month, culminating in rally for 50,000 each in Sasebo and Yokosuka September 27. GOJ has expressed confidence that anti-SSN campaign can be kept within manageable bounds. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Although opposition groups will almost certainly be able to stage more impressive showing in planned anti-SSN rallies than they have demonstrated so far, organized Left clearly hampered by deep internal divisions that have grown rapidly during past four years. JSP, which upholding principle of "peaceful opposition" at all cost, estranged from JCP, which not averse to limited violence in opposing SSN's. Zengakuren now badly split into many factions. JCP itself is carrying out one of periodic internal purges with attendant upheavals. These along with numerous other factors (e.g. general desire to avoid controversy before Olympics, Ikeda's popularity, rising prosperity, more realistic press, etc.) indicate that anti-SSN campaign will not reach anywhere near scale of 1960 anti-Security Treaty demonstrations, although in isolated small instances intensity of earlier struggle may be repeated. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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From Tokyo3. JCP Developments

Shigeo KAMIYAMA and Shigeharu NAKANO, suspended JCP Central Committee members recently disciplined by Party (WEEK 35, Item 4), September 1 gave press conference to reject charges of "espionage," etc. against them and bitterly criticize JCP. Party issued rejoinder and their expulsion now appears only matter of time.

JCP organ paper Akahata September 2 published lengthy reply to CPSU charges contained in letter to JCP dated April 18, which had unsuccessfully sought to deter JCP from adopting outright pro-Peiping line. JCP answer dated August 26 blamed Soviets for causing Sino-Soviet split, backing SHIGA and SUZUKI's anti-Party activities, and conniving with JSP to split peace movement.

JCP Secretary General Miyamoto left Tokyo September 1 to visit Indonesia and three JCP officials also visiting Rumania, which, according to GOJ security agency's speculations reported in press, related to ChiCom efforts to dissuade Indonesian and Rumanian CP's from attending Moscow conference. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Recent JCP actions make abundantly clear it will not heed CPSU call for preparatory world CP conference in Moscow in December. Its late November convention will probably provide platform for anti-Soviet tirades. JCP's foreign friends will probably be denied entry by GOJ. Although some pro-Soviet and "neutral" elements remaining in Party may openly oppose leadership views at convention, pro-Peiping leaders consolidating control to extent that likely they soon will be among closest allies of ChiComs. Meanwhile, JCP defectors and expellees believed by Japanese security agency to be preparing to form pro-Moscow communist party before year end (initial membership around 3,000, and unlikely to grow much owing to schismatic tendencies within pro-Soviet camp), and will almost certainly attend conference in Moscow. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Construction Ministry Scandal

Tokyo District Procurator's office September 1 announced decision to indict former Construction Ministry Secretariat Chief Manabu HIRAI, another former Ministry official, and LDP Diet member Sachio YAMAMOTO, former Construction Vice Minister, for violations of election law and public service law. Hirai had been accused August 3 of acting as intermediary in obtaining over ¥6,000,000 from construction firms for Yamamoto's campaign fund in the November 1963 general election (Emb's A-184 dated August 7). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Procurator's office officials privately claim that evidence in case pointed clearly to former Construction Minister Ichiro KONO as moving spirit in transaction. Direct involvement of Kono would be major blow to Ikeda Government but it appears almost certain that prosecution will avoid such course. Scandal revelations nevertheless have reportedly

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chilled Ikeda's attitude toward Kono and must be presumed to have increased possibility Ikeda will be inclined toward rapprochement with Eisaku SATO, his chief rival in July Party election. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. LDP Moves Suggest Electoral Revisions Possible

PriMin's office August 29 announced that Third Electoral System Deliberation Council would convene September 15. Newly-appointed head of Council is Yomiuri Press Vice-President Yusai TAKAHASHI, known to be advocate of small-district electoral system, and large proportion of other Council members reportedly also favor revision of current system in interests of eliminating election abuses. Press asserted that Takahashi had received assurances from PriMin Ikeda that GOJ would "respect" Council's report (which may not be forthcoming for another year).

September 2 LDP announced membership of its own Election Policy Committee. While not directly related to electoral system revision question, Committee was noteworthy for absence of three major faction leaders, SATO, FUJIYAMA and Kono. Absence of Sato and Fujiyama generally attributed to LDP decision it must hold to policy announced earlier of selecting Election Policy Committee on basis of Party positions rather than factional affiliations. Kono reportedly omitted by agreement to counter omission of his rivals. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Foregoing developments, including apparent LDP determination to adhere to "modernization" principle in choosing own Election Policy Committee, implied that Government and LDP intend seek some type and degree of revamping election system. LDP DepSecGen OHIRA September 2 told EmbOff that in this field as in other aspects Party modernization leadership intended to move ahead to degree possible without stirring up strong factional opposition. He indicated leadership had no intention of steam-rolling programs through if opposition inside or outside LDP became strong. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Japanese Parliamentary Mission to Soviet Union

A 15-member Japanese Parliamentary Mission headed by Lower House Liberal Democratic Party member Kenji FUKUNAGA and bearing letter from PriMin Ikeda to KHRUSHCHEV left Tokyo September 3 aboard JAL aircraft via Karachi for visit to Soviet Union at invitation of Supreme Soviet. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Visit is to reciprocate visit of Soviet legislators led by MIKOYAN in May and is first Japanese Parliamentary Mission to visit Soviet Union since World War II. It will also be first time Japanese aircraft has

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been permitted to fly over Soviet Union. Japanese had requested Soviet permission to fly via Siberia but were refused. (UNCLASSIFIED)

One of principal purposes of visit will be to ascertain whether Soviets will take more conciliatory position concerning return of northern islands to Japan, particularly in view of Pravda editorial September 2. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY7. JFY 65 Defense Budget Request

JDA disclosed September 1 that total JFY 65 defense budget request is approximately \$875 million, about 14% over previous year. Of this, approximately \$825 million represents JDA request for Self-Defense Forces: GSDF \$348 million, MSDF \$202.6 million, ASDF \$246 million, others (include Tech Research and JDA Headquarters) \$28 million. Remaining \$50 million defense budget is for MAAG Japan support (\$38 million) and Defense Facilities Management Agency. (UNCLASSIFIED)

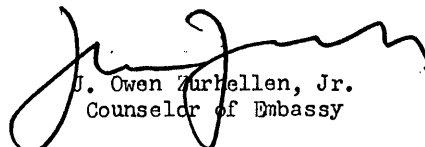
Comment: JSDF portion of budget is \$71 million (approximately 9%) increase over FY 64. In view rising costs of fixed expenditures, this is not significant increase. It probably constitutes a continuation of planned growth in forces and equipment in conformity with second defense build-up plan. (CONFIDENTIAL)

8. JMSDF Training Squadron to Pay First Visit to South America


Japanese Defense Agency Director General Junya Koizumi announced September 2 that JMSDF Training Squadron will visit South American countries on its 1965 training cruise. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Training visit to South America in 1965 was predictable when PriMin's last-minute attempt to divert 1964 cruise from U.S. to South America failed. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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			POLITICAL					
			1. Prime Minister in Hospital					
			Prime Minister Ikeda September 9 entered National Cancer Center for diagnosis and treatment of chronic laryngitis condition. Government spokesmen stressed that decision does not mean condition cancerous, adding that if such were case another hospital would intentionally have been chosen. Publicly predicted length of stay about two weeks. No Acting Prime Minister was named and Ikeda will continue run Government and LDP affairs using Chief Cabinet Secretary SUZUKI and LDP DepSecGen OHIRA as liaison contacts. (UNCLASSIFIED)					
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leaders by surprise and has potential for disrupting existing quiet situation among factions. Previous expectations have been that Ikeda would be in office for prolonged period and that situation within Party would remain quiet for coming year or so. Olympic Minister KONO, as only strong faction leader holding Cabinet position, would be only one of obvious candidates for Prime Minister who could be named acting Prime Minister. Decision not to name any acting Prime Minister may well reflect Ikeda's continuing reluctance to regard Kono as successor. Faction leader SATO, Ikeda's main rival in July LDP elections, called on Prime Minister at latter's private residence September 9 reportedly for first time in several years, strengthening impression that he seeks rapprochement with Prime Minister. Probable result of Ikeda hospitalization will be intensification of efforts among rival faction leaders to strengthen their positions as potential successors in event Ikeda forced to leave post sooner than expected. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Anti-SSN Campaign

Sohyo held national representatives meeting September 7 to plan anti-SSN campaign "on scale of anti-Security Treaty" demonstrations. Like JSP, Sohyo "in principle" rejects common front with JCP, but in local areas will accept JCP cooperation if confined to anti-SSN campaign and if JCP agrees not to slander JSP/Sohyo. Sohyo President OTA stressed existence of strong anti-JCP feeling among rank-and-file. To finance campaign, Sohyo agreed on 24,000,000 yen (\$67,000) supplementary budget. Plans call for dispatch of propaganda teams to Yokosuka and Sasebo beginning September 15 to "educate" public on SSN's, and staging of "third wave" of anti-SSN campaign around time of Olympic opening ceremonies, to include appeal to Olympic participants.

During past week largest demonstration took place in Tokyo, JCP sponsored event September 8 which drew around 10,000. Water-borne demonstration in Sasebo September 10 attracted around 50 in 10 boats, followed by demonstration on land with 800; Yokosuka demonstration same date attracted 3,000. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Smallness of Sohyo's special budget for anti-SSN activities strengthens belief that opposition will not be able to mount campaign anywhere near scale of four years ago. Campaign appears to be moving along at fairly low intensity and shows no sign of assuming major proportion in near future. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. ROK-Japan Relations

Negotiating climate improved somewhat during week with return Sept. 6 of 79-ton Genpuku Maru No. 28, which had been seized Aug. 26, and 35 crew members (WEEKA 35, Item 8). Koreans also promised release Hoko Maru No. 83 seized June 15. Since crew had boarded Japanese patrol boat just before capture, arrangements for manning Hoko Maru needed.

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Press also reported Cabinet Sept. 11 will consider extending repayment terms of \$20 million loan from three to five years at 5.75%, equivalent to terms previously granted Indonesia. At weekly meeting of GOJ and ROK reps Sept. 10 Koreans pressed for more favorable terms than those granted Indonesia. GOJ reps said this absolutely impossible.

At same meeting Japanese suggested working out modus vivendi to prevent further ship seizures; suggested if Koreans would stop seizing ships outside 12-mile line, Japanese would seek prevent their ships from fishing inside that line. Japanese also suggested establishing system of fines to supplant seizures. Japanese thought these measures, by reducing chance of seizures, would contribute to negotiating atmosphere. FonOff said Korean reply to both suggestions was non-committal. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Japanese easing of loan terms made possible by Korean release of fishing vessels. Japanese believe it is now time for Koreans reciprocate recent Japanese gestures, preferably by accepting some form of permanent Japanese representation in Seoul. Japanese-suggested modus vivendi based on Japanese position that Korean territorial waters extend only to 3-mile limit until otherwise agreed upon in final settlement. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Japan-Canada Ministerial Talks

Third annual Japan-Canada Cabinet-level conference, headed by respective foreign ministers, but otherwise concentrated on economic field, took place in Tokyo September 4-5. According to press, Foreign Minister Martin stated that Canada was not contemplating change in its policy of not recognizing Peiping, but felt it dangerous to leave ChiComs isolated at time of sharpening Sino-Soviet dispute. He said that Taiwan would have to be kept inside Free World, and that solution to China problem would have to be acceptable to US. In response Canadian query, Foreign Minister SHIINA said Japan at present has no proposal for solving China problem. FonOff source quoted by press as saying that it impossible draft plan acceptable to Japan, ChiComs and GRC, and that Japan could not act as freely as Canada on this issue owing to its close ties with Taiwan. Exchange of views on Japan-Canada economic relations and economic relations with third countries, which dominated agenda, was routine, producing no surprises. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Canadian Emb source informed us that prime Canadian purpose in conference was to get Japanese to acknowledge greater responsibility in international affairs. Canadians disappointed that Japanese still tended to parochial view and unwilling assume burdens of advanced nation. Despite these views, conference with Canadians (together with similar talks with West Europeans) was probably useful reminder to GOJ and public (extensive press play for two days) that Japan's relations are not exclusively with US, and that other countries also expect Japan to assume international role commensurate with its industrial strength. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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From Tokyo5. Soviets Charge Japan Aids U.S. "Aggression" in Vietnam

Soviet Ambassador VINOGRADOV called on Vice FonMin ODA Sept. 9, denounced Japan for cooperating with U.S. military action in Vietnam, and charged that Japan "aided U.S. aggression" in Tonkin Gulf clashes, citing newspaper reports that U.S. ships which had left Japanese ports had taken part in actions. Oda replied U.S. acted in self-defense, repulsing and retaliating against attacks on high seas, and denied U.S. ships went directly from Japanese ports. GOJ will make formal reply at later date. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Vinogradov had asked for appointment with FonMin who was "unavailable". Soviet demarche came at time when Japanese leftists, especially ChiCom liners, trying to whip up public enthusiasm against U.S. on many issues, including Vietnam, Korea and SSNs. Vinogradov's protest received routine press treatment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. US Military Air Crashes

Two US military air crashes near Atsugi NAS September 8 received headline treatment. In one accident, USAF F105 crashed on river embankment killing pilot. In other, USN F8U crashed into field, but caused nearby factory to explode killing owner, his two sons and nephew; pilot ejected safely. USFJ commander attended funeral services and promptly offered condolence money, which family survivors initially rejected. Left-wing groups immediately attempted to make political capital out of crashes. Diet interpellations September 10 (Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee) urged GOJ take effective steps to prevent air accidents in populated areas. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Two US air accidents on same day, followed by two more ASDF accidents two days later can be exploited by Opposition to raise and spread doubts about safety of military air and naval craft, including SSN's. Critical press comment stressed series of crashes, including six in Kana-gawa Prefecture, since start of year. (CONFIDENTIAL)

MILITARY7. JASDF Aircraft Accidents

Ten ASDF personnel were killed and three aircraft lost in separate air accidents September 10. The first involved H-21 helicopter which had

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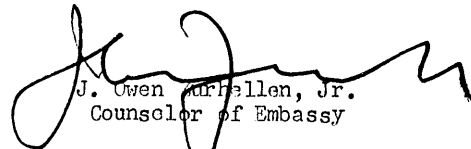
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just taken off from Ashiya Air Base, killing eight aboard, and the second occurred when two F86's collided in mid-air over Aichi Prefecture, killing both pilots. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: These crashes raise to ten the number of ASDF aircraft accidents this year and the number of deaths to 13. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL

1. Prime Minister's Hospitalization Extended

Officials of National Cancer Center September 17 announced that "from medical standpoint one more month of hospitalization would be required" for PriMin IKEDA. Doctors stated Ikeda condition continued improve. They had earlier said he not adversely affected by leaving hospital for several hours September 16 to attend Imperial Household finance council meeting in preparation for Prince Yoshi wedding. Chief Cabinet Secretary SUZUKI also on September 17 told press that acting PriMin would not be appointed provided Ikeda's hospitalization did not affect special Diet session expected for early November. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Belief is growing in local political circles that recovery will require longer than admitted, and LDP factions appear to be quietly moving to seek favorable position if acting Prime Minister should become necessary or Ikeda should have to resign. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Anti-SSN Campaign

During past week there were several small anti-SSN demonstrations in Yokosuka, Sasebo and a few other cities, which drew few participants and no press attention. Minor exception was September 15 rally followed by snake-dance by 800 Zengakuren students in Tokyo. In melee, several policemen and students suffered injuries and eight students were arrested on charge of violating local public safety ordinance.

Although certain amount of JSP-JCP cooperation in anti-SSN campaign continuing in Yokosuka, in Sasebo relations between two groups is severely strained. JCP, which originally planned to have major demonstration with JSP on September 27, now pointing to September 23 as major effort this month in Sasebo and Yokosuka. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Organized leftist groups continue to petition GOJ and Embassy to cancel visit, but their demonstrations have not drawn impressive crowds and general public appears to be apathetic. Basically no change in situation since previous week. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. JSP Announces Convention Date

Socialist Party September 17 announced plan to hold next convention December 8 - 11. In addition to adopting action policy and electing officers, convention scheduled to approve reports of special committees on theory (WEEK 35, Item 2) and organization, and plan for House of Councillors election in summer 1965. JSP Chairman KAWAKAMI later told press conference that he would decide on whether to run for office again after NARITA mission returns from ComChina in late November.

Democratic Socialist Party has postponed its annual convention from tentative date in late 1964 to February 1965. DSP has no pressing business to take up and wanted to move convention date closer to Upper House elections. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Growing likelihood that Kawakami-Narita team will remain in office for another term. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. JSP Plans Mission to Okinawa

Eight Socialist Party Diet members September 11 applied for entry to Okinawa, and Party Chairman Kawakami September 16 announced mission plans to

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depart from Kagoshima by ship September 30 on five-day visit. Kawakami said mission, headed by Takaichi NAKAMURA, would consult on questions of public election of Chief Executive and expansion of autonomy rights and "investigate" recent flag incident in Okinawa (Item 5). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP mission to Okinawa, if and when visit takes place, would be first in several years and follow DSP and LDP missions. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Japanese Flag Incident in Okinawa

Three U.S. Army enlisted men pulled down six Japanese flags and were apprehended by Okinawan police September 7. Flags displayed to mark procession of Olympic torch through Koza City were turned over intact to police.

Embassy informed GOJ authorities shortly after incident but story did not break in press until September 15. Subsequently Embassy conveyed High Commissioner's regrets and subject raised with Ambassador by FonMin who was interpellated by Diet Committee September 17. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: U.S. authorities' prompt expression of regrets softened impact of incident on Japanese although act of disrespect toward Japanese flag was discordant note in improved U.S.-Japan harmony over Ryukyus. Ironical that JSP, which has not shown marked interest in domestic display of flag, took lead in pressing GOJ to protest to U.S. on this issue. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Soviets Becloud Northern Islands Issue

KHRUSHCHEV in talk with visiting Diet delegation September 15 said that Soviets would be willing return Shikotan and Habomai to Japan when U.S. returns Okinawa. FonMin SHIINA told Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee September 17 that Khrushchev's statement contrary to Japan-Soviet Joint Declaration of 1956 which stipulated that islands would be returned when peace treaty signed. Shiina said that therefore Khrushchev had attached new condition to return of islands. Kenji FUKUNAGA, leader of Diet delegation, returned to Tokyo September 17 and told reporters he did not think Khrushchev intended set new conditions for return of islands because statement made in context of discussing MAO Tse-tung's statement supporting Japanese claim to islands. Fukunaga said Khrushchev meant to indicate that islands would be returned even before Japan-Soviet treaty if U.S. should return Okinawa. At same time Fukunaga said Khrushchev meant to say that question must be settled by peace treaty, otherwise Soviet position on border question with Peiping would be affected. JSP Chairman Jotaro Kawakami told press September 17 that Khrushchev's statement totally unacceptable to JSP which would continue demand return of islands simultaneously with conclusion of peace treaty and work for subsequent return of Kurile Islands and abrogation of U.S.-Japan Security Treaty. Kawakami said Japan-Soviet Declaration of 1956 made clear that status of Habomai and Shikotan different from that of Ryukyus. Asahi and Tokyo Shimbun accused Soviets of changing conditions for return and lacking clearly stated policy. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: While Soviets may have hoped capitalize on Japanese sentiment favoring return Okinawa, so far press has concentrated on criticizing Soviets for stiffening terms for return two northern islands. (UNCLASSIFIED)

7. ROK-Japan Relations

Following unexpected last-minute instructions from PriMin Ikeda, Cabinet September 11 postponed consideration \$20 million loan to Korea (WEEKA 37, Item 3). FonOff assured Embassy postponement not connected with recent fishing boat seizures. Koreans meanwhile pressed Japanese to conclude agreement for financing cement and PVC plants outside framework of third (commercial credit) category of December 1962 financial agreement. This done to avoid possible accusations in Korea that ROKG accepting assistance from Japan before conclusion normalization agreement. Embassy during past week sounded out GOJ and ROK Mission officials concerning possibility some tacit agreement to prevent further ship seizures and consequent deterioration in relations. Japanese hope some such arrangement could be worked out. Koreans non-committal. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: While all agreed that something should be done to improve chilly negotiating atmosphere and much thought has been given to what can be done, situation at end of week no better. (CONFIDENTIAL)

8. Aid Program for Ryukyu Islands

U.S.-Japan Consultative Committee on economic assistance to Ryukyus, established in April this year, met September 16 to consider U.S. proposal that GOJ assistance for JFY 1965 be at \$7.2 million level. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ eager to continue increasing level of aid to Ryukyans. Proposed aid level represents increase of \$2 million over JFY 1964; GOJ may counterpropose slightly larger amount. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

9. Emperor Receives JSDF Senior Officers

Three of four major Tokyo vernacular papers reported that for first time Emperor had received JSDF officers in audience September 16. Officers were 31 area/regional commanders of all three services who were attending Defense Agency Commanders' Conference. JMSDF source, however, reveals that first Imperial audience for JSDF commanders took place following similar Conference November 1, 1960, the second in June 20, 1962. Chiefs of service were not received by Emperor since the audience was for Japan's "front line" defense commanders. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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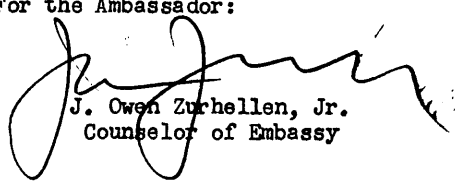
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Comment: Press reporting audience as a "first" was probably due to previous audiences having not been made public. Announcement this year no doubt indicative of fact that Imperial Household (and Emperor himself) and GOJ now feel that: 1) it can be made public without harming Imperial image; 2) JSDF's prestige and morale will be improved. Step should materially enhance self esteem of Japan's uniformed personnel. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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6. ROK Seizes Japanese Fishing Craft

POLITICAL

1. Prime Minister's Condition Continues Main Political Topic

National Cancer Center September 24 announced biopsy to determine whether PriMin has cancer of throat, said further announcement on his prognosis would be made September 25. LDP SecGen MIKI returned Tokyo Sept. 24 from own convalescence at Karuizawa, met with DepSecGen OHIRA, Chief Cabinet Secretary SUZUKI, and former SecGen MAEO. Miki, Ohira, Suzuki called on PriMin same day, reportedly discussed LDP measures in event PriMin's hospitalization prolonged. Suzuki same day again said "immediate" designation of Acting PriMin not contemplated even if doctors decide PriMin must remain in hospital. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: LDP faces increasingly serious problems over Ikeda illness, with special Diet session tentatively set for early November

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expected take up ILO 87 ratification, and with progress on many other issues, such as Korean relations normalization, LDP modernization, and electoral system revision, heavily dependent on whether Ikeda continues in office for full term as earlier expected. In event Ikeda forced to step down, LDP would presumably call for special convention to select successor probably followed by general elections within few months.
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2. Anti-SSN Campaign

JCP and front organizations September 23 staged demonstrations and rallies, which had been planned as major effort of month in Yokosuka, and on smaller scale in Sasebo. In Yokosuka, event attracted about 30,000 (US Navy figure) compared with close to 100,000 hopefully anticipated by sponsors, and 7,500 attended in Sasebo. In both places demonstrations well organized, no incidents reported. JSP did not participate. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Judging by previous performances of this nature, JCP should have been able to rally far larger crowd than it did, since September 23 was Japanese holiday. Its failure attributable to inclement weather and widespread belief that SSN now coming in November, rather than late September as was anticipated when rally date set. NHK reported on September 23 that USS SWORDFISH (SSN) had left Pearl Harbor and would enter Japanese port in November. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. JSP Announces Mission to Communist China

JSP September 17 formally announced plan to send fourth JSP mission to Communist China, departing October 1 and returning to Japan October 28. Fourteen-member mission (plus secretaries) will be headed by Secretary General Narita and include Seiichi Katsumata (deputy leader) and Masashi Ishibashi (spokesman). Jiichiro Matsumoto, member of extreme left-wing Heiwa Doshikai faction of JSP, who is scheduled to depart earlier with mixed JSP/JCP group to attend October 1 festivities in Peiping, will act as "honorary team leader" of JSP mission. Delegation members divided between mainstream and anti-mainstream, with slight edge to former. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP leadership aware that this mission's outcome will greatly affect Party's domestic and international position, and mainstream is accordingly cautious. Apparently not yet certain whether Narita will adopt generally conciliatory stance or "confront" the ChiComs. Reaffirmation Asanuma's "common enemy" statement, which three successive JSP conventions have upheld, appears foregone conclusion but JSP mission likely have difficulty over differences with Chinese on partial nuclear test ban treaty, peaceful coexistence and Japanese peace movement with special reference to creation of new, JSP-sponsored Gensuikin rival for Gensuikyo. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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From Tokyo4. JSP Mission to Attend Non-Aligned Conference, Visit UK

JSP decided to send small mission headed by Organization Bureau Director Saburo EDA to Cairo early in October to attend conference of non-aligned countries there. Socialists reportedly will be among few delegates and observers at conference not representing a government. (JSP also attended Belgrade Conference in 1961.)

Following conclusion of Cairo Conference, EDA mission will visit Britain to observe elections. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Attendance at Cairo Conference is a natural for JSP, whose neutralist views will presumably find compatible atmosphere. Observing UK elections was EDA's own idea (JSP paying for trip), and presumably is partly designed to "balance" Socialists' recent visit to Moscow and forthcoming visit to Peiping. JSP probably hopes also that some lustre will rub off on itself in event Labor Party victory. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. GOJ Approves Loan to ROK

Cabinet September 22 authorized EXIM Bank extend commercial credits to ROK for \$20 million at 5.75% interest, repayable in 5 years including one year grace period. Loan to be used to purchase raw materials and machine parts in Japan for ROK manufacturing plants. GOJ spokesmen made clear loan was not connected with either question of Korean seizures of Japanese fishing vessels or Kim-Ohira 1962 financial agreement. When agreeing to loan, AgMin Akagi said he would oppose exporting fishing vessels to Korea or increasing imports Korea sea products when Koreans seizing Japanese fishing vessels. (UNCLASSIFIED)

FonOff has informed Embassy that remaining question concerning loan for cement and polyvinyl chloride plants (whether it will be included in 3rd category - commercial credit - of Kim-Ohira agreement as Japanese want, or situation left unclear, as Koreans want) would be resolved soon. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Japanese hope that approval of loan will serve immediate purpose of indicating Japanese "sincerity" in desiring to negotiate with Koreans and longer term purposes of assisting Korean economy and improving political stability. Loan terms were those requested by ROK and were same as those previously given Indonesia. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. ROK Seizes Japanese Fishing Craft

ROK seized 84 ton fishing vessel Shotoku Maru No. 65, and ten man crew September 18. According Japanese report boat was 45 kilometers west of Cheju Island at time.

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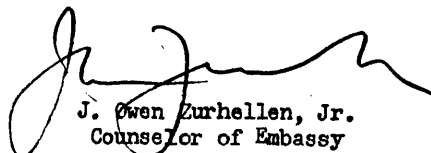
Embassy discussed with FonOff question of increasing numbers Japanese fishing boats near Korean shores and possibility establishing tacit understanding with Koreans that if Japanese keep boats farther offshore Koreans will stop seizures. FonOff official, while agreeing some Japanese restraint may be desirable, doubted that modus operandi could be achieved in view differences in interpretation of base lines and other similar points in dispute. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Much of Japanese fishing fleet moves westward in the Yellow Sea during last quarter of year. This may make easier GOJ attempts restrain fishing vessels and reduce boat seizures. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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POLITICAL

1. PriMin's Health and its Implications

PriMin IKEDA September 30 left National Cancer Center briefly to attend wedding of Prince YOSHI (Item 8), and next day announced he would begin receiving Cabinet Ministers and LDP officials in his hospital room when they had important items of business. Same day JSP Diet Policy Committee Chairman YOKOMICHI demanded appointment of acting PriMin, on grounds that PriMin's lengthy absence could have serious effects on pending diplomatic and domestic issues.

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Chief Cabinet Secretary SUZUKI promptly rejected JSP proposal as untimely.
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Intra-LDP maneuvering with eye to possible succession is continuing but without sign of agreement on successor or even method of choosing one should Ikeda's hospitalization be prolonged or he be forced to leave office. LDP sources indicate Olympics Minister KONO, who technically has inside track as only major faction leader in Cabinet, is considered unsuitable by most if not all other faction leaders, who, however, remain split on whether to support Eisaku SATO or attempt to find compromise interim candidate. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: JSP demand for immediate appointment of acting PriMin obviously intended to aggravate friction among LDP factions. Actual effect may in fact be opposite, since LDP leaders will be reluctant to endorse JSP position. Ikeda's hospitalization currently appears unlikely to present great difficulties in terms of pending government business until after Olympics, but at that time his ability to handle government business will become major question. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Anti-SSN Demonstrations

During past week anti-SSN demonstrations confined to long-scheduled September 27 rally staged by JSP/Sohyo in Yokosuka and Sasebo which attracted 25,000 and 21,000 participants respectively. Demonstrations were uneventful, but in subsequent parade in Yokosuka, approximately 1,600 Zengakuren students, who had attached themselves to main body of marchers, provoked clash with police in front of main gate of base.

JSP Central Executive Committee September 26 designated October 10-24 period (coinciding with Olympics) the "third wave" in anti-SSN movement. Nation-wide protest rallies scheduled October 16, with emphasis on appealing to foreigners visiting Tokyo. JSP designated October 24-November 10 period as "fourth wave," during which it now believes SSN will make first port call, but specific planned actions not indicated.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP/Sohyo's September 27 rallies fell considerably short of their hopes (50,000 in each city), and there is no indication that they attracted any participants outside of the usual types expected at functions. Plans for staging anti-SSN protests during Olympics probably will amount to very little, especially since they run counter to popular feeling that Olympics are great "festival." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Communist Leaders Expelled

JCP October 1 announced expulsion of Central Committee members Shigeo KAMIYAMA and Shigeharu NAKANO, suspended since August for "anti-party activities" in support of pro-Moscow leaders Yoshio SHIGA and

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Ichizo SUZUKI. Both accused of continuing attacks on Party's current (pro-CPR) line. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Purge of dissidents took place in accordance with script (WEEKA 36, Item 3), clearing way for 9th JCP Congress scheduled for end November. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Japanese "Hoover Commission" Recommends Sweeping Administrative Reforms.

Special committee on Administrative Reforms submitted report to Prime Minister Sept. 29 calling for far-reaching reforms. Report, two and half years in preparation, recommended extensive streamlining of administrative and fiscal functions in central ministries and reorganization of Prime Minister's Office as more effective centralized planning and coordination agency of Cabinet.

Recommendations generally hailed as salutary and progressive by press and political parties; Ministries to be affected expressed reservations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While report supported in principle by Government, prospect that recommendations will be effectively implemented remains dim in view of fate of 15 similar reform programs proposed since 1948. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. JSP Visit to Okinawa

Eight member JSP Diet delegation led by Takaichi NAKAMURA arrived Okinawa October 1 for five day visit (WEEKA 38, Item 4). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP undoubtedly intends use visit for its own political purposes, which include campaign to promote reversion. US authorities will use visit to attempt give JSP more balanced view of US administration. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. Newsmen Exchanged with Communist China

Nine Japanese newsmen left for Peiping Sept. 27 and seven ChiCom reporters arrived Tokyo Sept. 29 as result of agreement negotiated by Japan Newspaper Publishers and Editors Association through LDP Diet member Yutaro TAKEYAMA with LIAO Cheng-chih, President of China-Japan Friendship Society. Press says tour will be one year, renewable, with reporters subject to regulations governing other foreign correspondents in country of residence. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This exchange culminates about six months of negotiations (WEEKA 19, Item 3). Japanese reporters have been permitted on mainland

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on short-term basis since 1954. Japanese will have by far largest foreign news contingent in Peiping, and ChiComs will be eager exploit situation. Japanese reporters have recently been reporting ChiCom conditions relatively realistically and publishers hope quality as well as quantity of reporting will improve under new agreement. We understand ChiCom reporters will be subject certain restrictions not placed on other foreign correspondents in Japan and are ascertaining details.
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7. Reaction to ROK Fishing Boat Seizures

GOJ September 30 formally protested ROK seizure and demanded return of fishing boat Shotoku Maru (WEEKA 39, Item 6). Japanese fishermen from western Japan sent fifty-man delegation to Tokyo to petition GOJ to take effective steps to end risk of seizures or be held liable for loss and damages. According to press, Chief Cabinet Secretary Suzuki indicated Government readiness reinforce Maritime Safety Agency's patrol force in Rhee Line area. At ROK-Japan weekly meeting, chief Japanese delegate SUGI again warned against further seizures and said total catch in Rhee Line area dropped 50% in last few years because of ROK harassment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ under increasing pressure from fishing interests to protect fishing boats. FonOff favors attempts persuade Japanese fishermen keep further from Korean shores in order reduce danger of seizures, but fishermen and Fisheries Agency favor firm posture. Some increase in Rhee Line activity by Japanese patrol craft likely, but they probably will not be authorized in near future take forceful action prevent seizures.
(CONFIDENTIAL)

8. Imperial Wedding Solemnized

Prince Yoshi, second son of Emperor, and Miss Hanako TSUGARU, daughter of former peer and descendant of feudal lords of Tsugaru, were married September 30 in impressive ceremony following ancient precedents. After wedding, newlyweds given new family name HITACHI. Primin Ikeda left hospital briefly to attend ceremony (Item 1).

Public participated in ceremonies via press and TV. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although wedding attracted fair degree of popular interest, little effort appears to have been made to use the event to enhance popularity of Imperial family. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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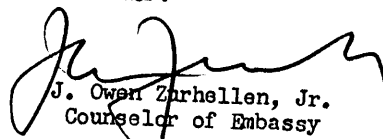
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Four destroyers of JMSDF Training Squadron, under command
RAIDM Kazutoshi KUHARA, returned to Yokosuka September 30 after success-
ful visits to Hawaii, West Coast U.S., and Canadian cities (WEEKA 25,
Item 5). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Training Squadron's visit, first in three years to U.S.,
was routine and uneventful. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL

1. PriMin and Leadership Problem

In accordance October 1 announcement (WEEKA 40, Item 1) PriMin IKEDA October 3 began receiving Cabinet Ministers at hospital for business sessions. First caller, Minister of State KONO, made 15-minute visit October 3, reportedly talked in general terms on problem of conduct of governmental affairs while PriMin hospitalized, and urged that Cabinet Ministers exercise their functions to maximum to reduce load of decisions which must be put to Ikeda. FinMin TANAKA following day spent over one hour with PriMin, who according press

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directed revision of FinMinistry's proposals concerning level of increase in consumer rice price and national railway charges, plus more effective measures to assist small and medium enterprises and perk up stockmarket. Doctors, dismayed at flouting of their injunction that visits be kept brief, persuaded Ikeda to suspend business sessions at hospital thereafter.

JSP SecGen NARITA at House of Representatives Budget Committee meeting October 5 urged early appointment of acting PriMin, on grounds that Government replies to interpellations "lacked responsibility." Chief Cabinet Secretary SUZUKI replied that situation did not warrant such appointment since Ikeda attending to official duties while in hospital. However, if Ikeda not able to attend special Diet session late November, acting PriMin would be appointed. Director of Legislative Bureau gave legal opinion that Suzuki, although not holding Cabinet position, qualified to speak to Diet Committee on Ikeda's behalf. Narita in Nagoya October 8 said JSP would accept acting PriMin for special session but not for regular Diet which must begin before end of year.

LDP factions continued maneuvering in apparent belief that it might be possible to tide over special Diet session but probably impossible to put off selection of successor to Ikeda beyond Party Convention scheduled for January. Further medical announcement on Ikeda's condition expected shortly after Olympics. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: If acting PriMin is named, possibility that Kono will get post (Item 3) appears stronger the longer situation continues without arrival at feasible alternative. Some Kono opponents have pointed out that Agriculture and Forestry Min AKAGI is equal in technical seniority, i.e. number of terms as Cabinet Minister, to Kono, but this appears far-fetched alternative. LDP views basically divided three ways: (1) Kono faction expectation their leader will be named acting PriMin and be able to convert this advantage, presumably with Ikeda faction support, into selection as regular successor; (2) SATO faction view that Ikeda will eventually decide throw support to Sato, finding Kono unacceptable; (3) hope of dark horses such as FUJIYAMA, MIKI and KAWASHIMA that compromise choice will be necessary. Likelihood that Ikeda will be forced step down within next few months now interpreted by both LDP and opposition as indicating general election probable by late spring. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Former ONO Faction Chooses Leaders

Thirty-three Diet members of former Ono faction of LDP met October 7 and selected House of Representatives Speaker Naka FUNADA and Isamu MURAKAMI as joint leaders. Funada announced after meeting that faction would continue to back Ikeda. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Unexpected political developments stemming from Ikeda hospitalization were presumably principal reasons for effort to strengthen factional unity and activity at this time. Former Ono faction had appeared likely to decline or dissolve if LDP situation continued quiet for considerable period. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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from TOKYO3. Kono Sets Record Straight on HATOYAMA

At October 7 ceremony dedicating memorial to deceased former Prime Minister Ichiro HATOYAMA, Minister of State Kono, in presence of Soviet Ambassador as well as numerous LDP leaders, declared that Hatoyama in fact had not been very fond of Soviet Union, had opposed request for Soviet role in negotiations to end Second World War, and had undertaken reestablishment of relations with USSR as prerequisite for Japan's entry to UN; impression in Japan that Hatoyama pro-Soviet was misunderstanding. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Kono's statement on one hand is typical of his propensity for blunt, undiplomatic remarks, but on other hand seems clearly intended to defend Kono himself, who was closely associated with Hatoyama in negotiations with USSR, against charges by his political enemies that he is friendly to Soviets. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. JSP Mission to Okinawa Returns

JSP mission to Okinawa (WEEKA 40, Item 5) returned to Tokyo October 6. Typifying thinness of attention press devoted to visit, all but one paper ignored airport interview in which JSP team leader NAKAMURA stated that the return of administrative rights not feasible without return of bases. Nakamura said that JSP would advocate establishment of special Diet committee on Okinawa with ultimate aim of bringing Okinawa problem to attention of UN General Assembly. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Vice Foreign Minister ODA expressed to us opinion that JSP visit was successfully handled and resulted in helpful publicity on JSP's favorable impression of HICOM. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: JSP can be expected to try to keep public attention focused on Okinawa and to place LDP on defensive by proposing various "supra-partisan" schemes to spotlight Okinawa which it knows conservatives cannot accept. Thus far JSP has had little success on either score. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Ousted JCP Leaders Join Forces

Recently expelled JCP Central Committeemen Shigeharu NAKANO and Shigeo KAMIYAMA (WEEKA 40, Item 3) held joint press conference October 3 with previously ousted colleagues Yoshio SHIGA and Ichizo SUZUKI to attack present JCP leadership and to deny validity of their ousters. Claiming that they are still bona fide members of the JCP Central Committee, they revealed they are forming a "common front to reconstruct party and return it to main stream of international Communism." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Attempt of four expellees to contest their expulsion interpreted by most observers as bid for support for rival JCP organization. Future of this effort will depend largely on support given by Soviets to ousted leaders and degree to which four can cooperate. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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from TOKYO6. ROK Seizes Another Japanese Fishing Boat

Early October 5 Korean patrol boat captured Japanese fishing boat Hoyo Maru No. 58 about 28 miles east of Cheju Island. Boat taken in tow but soon sank as result of high seas and damage from collision in course of seizure. Foreign Minister SHIINA called in Korean Ambassador PAE October 5, delivered strong protest and reserved right ask for compensation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Incident, following earlier seizures Japanese fishing boats, aggravated opposition in Diet and press to conciliatory Japanese gestures toward ROK. (UNCLASSIFIED)

7. Politics in Olympics

When international track (IAAF) and swimming (FINA) organizations confirmed Olympic ineligibility of athletes who took part in Djakarta GANEFO, leader of North Korean delegation (144 members) announced October 8 entire North Korean delegation would withdraw from Olympics and leave Japan immediately. Indonesian Sports Minister MALADI told press conference October 8 he would try to get GANEFO athletes ban lifted before start of games and said Indonesia would not otherwise participate. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese fear that this situation will trigger reactions that would mar atmosphere of games. (UNCLASSIFIED)

8. More on Chicom Newsmen (WEEKA 40, Item 6)

Fonoff has informed Embassy that Chicom reporters given visas for six months, renewable for six months. Thereafter they must leave Japan and apply for new visas since Chicoms refuse to comply with fingerprinting regulations. To put best face on Japan-Chicom newsmen exchange, verbal agreement between MATSUMURA and LIAO specified newsmen of each nation would be treated equally. In actual practice, Japanese newsmen are expected to be subject to same restrictions as other free world newsmen in Peking, while Chicom newsmen here will be subject to same conditions as Soviet bloc newsmen; e.g., they must provide police 48 hours advance notice of trips beyond Tokyo metropolitan limits and must not engage in political activity. After hearing from Japanese newsmen in Peking, GOJ and Publishers & Editors Association will consider new approach to Chicoms on relaxing Peking restrictions and will decide on what facilities to provide Chicom correspondents here. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Ban on Chicom newsmen's political activity difficult to define or enforce, but under present Chicom policy toward Japan, Chicom correspondents unlikely create difficulties. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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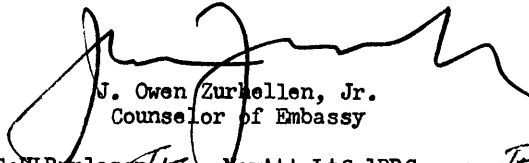
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The Italian Training Squadron under command of RADM Carlo PALADINI and consisting of ANDREA DORIA, 6500-ton guided missile cruiser, and ETNA, 10,900-ton transport, berthed at Harumi Pier, Tokyo, October 4 for three-day visit. The squadron will also visit Shimizu, Kobe, Eta Jima (site of JMSDF Officer Candidate School) and Nagasaki, departing Japan October 24-25 for Hong Kong. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: The visit, the first since WWII, gives Japan an opportunity to repay hospitality shown Japanese Training Squadron in Italy last year. Original plan was for Italian ships to remain at Harumi Pier until October 12, but the Foreign Office decided early in year to exclude all military ships from Tokyo berths during Olympics. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL

1. JSP Mission Leaves for Peiping

JSP mission to Communist China headed by SecGen NARITA left Tokyo October 14 amid intra-Party dissension on approach mission should adopt in scheduled talks with ChiCom leaders (WEEKA 39, Item 3). Mainstreamers generally favor "confrontation" with ChiComs if necessary to uphold vital JSP positions, although Narita more inclined toward conciliation than WADA faction representatives on delegation. Pro-Peiping anti-mainstreamers, especially such radical team member as Shichiro HOZUMI, of course more willing to give in to ChiCom pressure. To prevent anti-mainstreamers' end run,

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which was common practice on earlier JSP missions to Peiping, Narita secured agreement to extraordinary measures to permit him to retain complete control of team's activities and statements, but question remains whether radicals can be kept in line in congenial atmosphere of Peiping.

As foretaste of what awaits JSP mission in Peiping, CHANG Hsi-jo (Chairman, Chinese Peoples Institute of Foreign Affairs and formal host of mission) at October 12 service in Peiping commemorating ASANUMA's assassination stated that JSP right-wingers were "in league with Americans" and "doing bidding of modern revisionists." Speech caused consternation among Socialists, and some said trip should be postponed "pending clarification," but Narita argued successfully that Chang's statement demonstrated why JSP had to embark on journey to remove "misunderstandings."

Prior to departure, Narita indicated JSP prepared once again to reaffirm notorious Asanuma Statement in some form, but mainstreamers obviously hope to shift emphasis from "common enemy" aspect to "concrete examples" of "American imperialism" such as "occupation of Taiwan and Okinawa." While Asanuma Statement unlikely to be major bone of contention, more serious JSP-ChiCom differences exist on nuclear test ban treaty, possible ChiCom testing, and "peace movement" activities centering on seemingly irrevocable Gensuikyo split. Narita repeatedly said he did not wish to get involved in Sino-Soviet controversy, but team can hardly avoid it. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Despite inevitable dissension in JSP team, which reflects basic division within Party, mission may put up stronger, more determined defense of its positions than previous JSP visitors. (Last JSP mission headed by Mosaburo SUZUKI visited Peiping in January 1962 - WEEKA 3, Item 1.) Press has admonished team to represent Japan's national interests, and major elements in Party now more inclined to do so than before. Heavy-handed ChiCom effort to pressure JSP, as reflected in Chang's speech, may therefore boomerang. Mission likely to strain Party unity severely less than two months before Party convention, and general view is that Narita will do well if he returns without committing grievous blunder. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Political Truce for Olympics

LDP political activity entered new truce phase amid general elation over success of Tokyo Olympic games. PriMin IKEDA left hospital to attend opening ceremonies October 10. Hospital indicated further announcement on Ikeda's health would be made about time Olympics end (October 24). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Continuing reassuring informal comments from hospital have to some degree offset dire rumors about Ikeda condition, leading to growing belief that he may be able continue in office for period of some months. Enthusiasm over success of Olympic preparations makes it difficult for political

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opponents to continue half-veiled attacks on Minister of State KONO who supervised final phase of preparations, but SATO faction is reportedly continuing efforts to win support among FUJIYAMA, ONO (FUNADA), MIKI and Ikeda factions. Present outlook is that showdown involving LDP leadership succession may be postponed somewhat longer than had first been expected but no indication yet that it can be avoided through agreement on successor to Ikeda. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. ROK-Japan Relations in Flux

Two LDP Committees Oct. 10 urged Government take more positive action to protect Japanese fishing boats inside Rhee Line and consider possibility use of MSDF ships. FonOff informed us Cabinet will not consider these proposals until after Olympic Games are over (Oct. 24) and, in any case, will approach matter cautiously.

FonOff indicated to Embassy October 14 it believes best way to achieve normalization under present circumstances is through accumulation of gestures designed promote mutual goodwill with hope political atmosphere in Seoul eventually will permit normalization. Korean Mission officer told us that ROK October 15 informed FonOff it accepted in principle \$20 million loan and proposed compromise wording for loans for PVC and cement plants. Mission officer also said new Korean Ambassador, who arrives October 20, probably will be authorized push normalization forward vigorously. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Japanese, discouraged by recent ROK ship seizures, have become more pessimistic about resuming negotiations. Pressures for more active measures to increase protection of Japanese fishing vessels are increasing, but FonOff believes "low posture" should be continued. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Soviet Defector

Viktor Ivanovich Shisheyalkin, 28 year old seaman from Soviet liner Uritsky at Tokyo for Olympics, sought refuge at West German Embassy October 12. (Shisheyalkin first came to U.S. Embassy seeking way to West Germany Embassy). Police took custody of Shisheyalkin pending decision to permit his exit. After arrangements were made by West German and U.S. authorities for Shisheyalkin's reception at refugee center in Frankfurt, he departed by air October 15. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese authorities handled case efficiently and fairly; they confirmed Soviet seaman's wish to take refuge in Free World, ascertained that some Free World country would accept him, and permitted Soviet Embassy rep brief opportunity to interview seaman prior to departure. Although Soviet Embassy representative tried to persuade seaman not to defect, Shisheyalkin remained firm in resolve to proceed to West. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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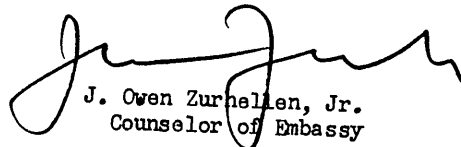
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1. Conservative Political Leadership

New medical report on PriMin Ikeda due October 25, day after Olympics "political truce" ends. LDP leaders have told Emb privately that they anticipate Ikeda will be unable resume duties in near future, and that if this is case LDP will have to take early action on leadership question. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Following CCNE and USSR leadership change, psychological pressure has mounted for clear, firm hand at helm of GOJ. Opinion is growing that instead of appointing acting Prime Minister, LDP should choose new regular Prime Minister if Ikeda not able return to job soon. Eisaku SATO is currently mentioned as leading candidate in these circumstances, but there continues to be no

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evidence that LDP has reached agreement on issue. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Khrushchev's Ouster

Sudden change of Soviet top leadership on October 16 attracted much interest but caused little general concern in Japan. Press reports of Sov Ambassador's statement to FonOff that Sov foreign policy would not change were reassuring to public. FonOff is carefully watching for indications of policy shifts by new regime and anticipates only slight softening toward Chicoms and hardening toward West.

Reaction among leftist Japanese parties, however, was more sharply etched. Japan Socialist Party publicly indicated shock and disappointment. JCP reaction was jubilant, and dissident pro-Soviet Communist factions, including that of Yoshio SHIGA, were plunged into deepest gloom. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: At time when Japanese public tended to overestimate degree of liberalization in USSR and extent of Soviet rapprochement with West, Khrushchev's fall probably helped to put things into proper focus again. Full effects on Marxist parties of course will take more time to manifest themselves. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Reaction to CCNE

Japanese press (except Akahata) unanimously condemned Chicom nuclear test and called on Chicoms to halt testing and subscribe to partial nuclear test ban treaty. Some papers, while condemning test, said continued production nuclear weapons in other countries factor in Chicom decision to test. GOJ said it would not reply CHOU En-lai message to PriMin IKEDA which calls for summit conference. Chief Cabinet Secretary SUZUKI October 19 said Chicoms should suspend tests, subscribe to partial test ban treaty and make serious efforts bring about complete ban on nuclear weapons before calling summit conference. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While there is tendency in some circles to sympathize with reasons Chicoms gave for this decision to test -- because other countries have nuclear capability -- this feeling overshadowed by basic Japanese abhorrence of any nuclear testing. Still not clear what effect CCNE will have on Japan's defense policy, but it clear that CCNE has aggravated split between those desiring Japan strengthen its defenses and its defense ties with United States, and those who believe Japan should conciliate Chicoms by ultimately scrapping Security Treaty. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Reactions to UK Labor Party Victory

In unofficial comments on Labor Party victory, FonOff stressed that Labor Party unlikely to pursue radically new policies, but expected slightly different nuances in foreign policy, especially on UK relations

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with Peiping. FonOff speculated that if Wilson carries out election campaign pledge to scrap Britain's own deterrent and rely on US nuclear power, UK-US relations will become closer than ever. FonOff also expects no change in Britain's policy of full support for Malaysia, or in policy toward Japan. Liberal Democratic Party spokesman commented in same vein.

JSP, which sent Party leader Eda to observe elections, issued statement interpreting Labor's victory as outcome of people's disappointment with long Conservative rule. JSP and DSP warmly applauded victory, and both sought to tie it to their own fortunes. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Labor victory unlikely to affect JSP or DSP policies or political fortunes, but could influence FonOff thinking, especially regarding ChiCom issues. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. JSP Mission in Peiping

JSP mission has received major press attention. Mission had no sooner arrived in Peiping than team leader Narita October 17 twice spoke out against CCNE despite evident displeasure of his hosts. Atmosphere at welcoming banquet reported to have been cool. First formal session October 20 produced agreement on agenda: 1) review of world situation, with special emphasis on Asia, and mutual tasks of Chinese and Japanese peoples; 2) problem of nuclear weapons, especially total prohibition of nuclear weapons and promotion of international conference to bring this about; 3) promotion of Japan-Chicom friendship and restoration of relations; 4) development of good relations between JSP and Chicoms. Narita proposed biannual JSP-Chicom meetings to be held alternately in Japan and China. Principal Chicom delegate defended Chang Hsi-jo's attack on right wing of JSP (WEEK 42, Item 1). For obvious purpose of maintaining control over JSP delegation, Narita insisted that, contrasted with previous occasions when mission split up into committees, all meetings with ChiComs take place in body.

Details of second JSP-ChiCom meeting not fully known because Chicoms asked that no announcement be made, but press reported strained atmosphere continued. JSP analysis of world situation should have gone long way to satisfy ChiComs; it maintained that JSP's struggle against SSN port call, ROK-Japan talks and on Okinawa problem "objectively corresponded" to Chicoms' struggle against "American imperialism." JSP supported test ban treaty, upheld blanket opposition to tests, and reserved position on Chinese proposal for international conference. Nothing known about third session at which ChiComs presented their views. In separate development JSP headquarters informed Narita by telephone of JSP/Sohyo plans for rally protesting CCNE on October 24. ChiComs undoubtedly listened in. Reps from both sides to start drafting joint communique October 23. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Narita mission remains in most difficult position. Upholding JSP position on nuclear testing and "confrontation" with ChiComs

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would be popular with general public, but such "failure to promote friendship with ChiComs" would leave Narita and associates open to intra-JSP criticism. On other hand, extensive concessions to ChiComs would be widely condemned by public, press and Party elements. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. Anti-SSN Campaign

JSP-sponsored anti-SSN Tokyo rally October 17 attracted about 7,000 participants, including 1,000 Zengakuren students, of whom ten arrested for violating metropolitan public safety ordinance. This was only major anti-SSN activity during Olympic "truce" period. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Anti-SSN efforts, which virtually at standstill during Olympic Games, can be expected to be stepped up in coming weeks. (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. New Korean Ambassador Arrives

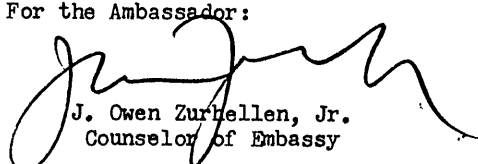
New Korean Ambassador KIM Dong-cho arrived Tokyo October 20 and paid initial call upon FonMin SHIINA October 22. He told SHIINA ROK ready resume normalization talks at early date and expressed appreciation for recent friendly gestures by Japan. Press stated FonOff believed Kim's statement indicated ROK soon would formally accept \$20 million loan, but that it would take some time solve problems between two countries and reach normalization agreement. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: FonOff pessimism reflects long history of disappointing negotiations and uncertainty that ROKG stable enough to insure continued adherence to any agreement reached. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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1. Search for New LDP Leader

Following Oct. 25 medical report which indicated PriMin Ikeda must continue recuperation for two or three months more, Ikeda announced intention to resign as LDP Party President and as Prime Minister. Ikeda called for selection of successor "smoothly and rapidly through consultations" within LDP. Party officials and advisors Oct. 26 agreed that LDP vice-president KAWASHIMA and SecGen MIKI should conduct talks with LDP elder statesmen and faction leaders to select single successor to Ikeda. Nominee will then be elected party president by caucus of LDP Diet members (as emergency substitute

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for LDP convention) and presented to Lower House of Diet during special session for election as Prime Minister.

Faction leaders Eisaku SATO, Ichiro KONO and Aiichiro FUJIYAMA were automatically considered candidates. Kono faction publicly declared leader's candidacy Oct. 27. Consultations during next few days between Miki and Kawashima and senior party figures including former prime ministers KISHI and ISHIBASHI (but not yet extending to candidates themselves) revealed predominant preference for Sato as new leader. Kono maintained candidacy and sought support of other factions which backed Ikeda in July 1964 elections in effort to block Sato. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Kono presumably hopes force party to turn to compromise candidate, thus far unidentified. Fujiyama presumably hopes he will be that candidate. Appears probable Sato will hold support majority of party but far from certain that he can obtain sufficient consensus of party opinion to permit his nomination as agreed candidate. LDP and its financial backers still appear strongly to desire avoid intra-party election or other formal showdown on leadership issue. Possible that Kono will acquiesce in Sato nomination in return for promise of favorable treatment for self and faction. Ikeda preference, for which press and some LDP politicians have called as best way of settling issue, not yet made known. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. JSP Mission Concludes Peiping Visit

JSP mission headed by SecGen NARITA October 29 signed joint communique with CHANG Hsi-jo (Chairman, Chinese Peoples Institute of Foreign Affairs) in Peiping, and headed home. 6,000-word communique covered four topics:

1) "Common concerns" -- both sides agreed that "forces for socialism, national independence, democracy and peace" are gaining on "imperialist forces" led by US, gradually turning balance of power in favor of "joint struggle waged by Japanese and Chinese peoples"; listed various familiar "struggles" engaged in by Japanese leftists and separately listed equally familiar roll call of ChiCom struggles, adding that "objectively" these were "joint struggles against American imperialism," "as correctly recognized by Asanuma statement," and pledging adherence to and "development of" Asanuma statement; declared identity of views on Indochina, Korean unification, Cairo Conference, welcoming Afro-Asian Conference scheduled to be held in Algeria in March 1965.

2) Nuclear weapons problems -- both sides admitted that difference of views existed on nuclear testing, but agreed that most effective way to prevent nuclear war was to abolish all nuclear weapons. Both sides supported idea of nuclear-free zone in Asia. ChiComs pledged they

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would never use nuclear weapons first.

3) Development of Japan-ChiCom Friendship -- both endorsed recent growth of trade, cultural exchange, etc.; JSP mission reaffirmed support of "one-China" line, expressed view that "liberation of Taiwan" was domestic Chinese issue and U.S. forces should withdraw from Taiwan and Straits. ChiComs supported JSP view that conclusion of Japan-USSR peace treaty and non-aggression pact of Pacific powers would further cause of peace in Asia. ChiComs proposed and JSP agreed that following conclusion peace treaty between Japan and ComChina (on one-China basis) non-aggression pact based on "five peace principles" be concluded between two.

4) JSP-ChiCom Relations -- to further deepen friendly ties between two peoples, based on development of ASANUMA spirit, ChiComs agreed to JSP plan for alternating visits to other party's country every other year.

On basis initial reports from Peiping, when only fragmentary information on joint communique available, Japanese press Oct. 29 tended to view talks in favorable light, emphasizing agreement on total abolition nuclear weapons in headlines. First commentaries stressed that JSP had for first time retained its "independence," gave top marks to JSP for voicing its position and gaining CHOU En-lai's "understanding of Japanese opposition to tests." When text of communique became known, however, opinion became more critical. Press comments, echoing views privately expressed by some JSP mainstreamers, showed dismay over Narita's inability or unwillingness to push Party positions all along the line, expressed dissatisfaction that differences over nuclear issue watered down, reference to "peaceful coexistence" and limited nuclear test ban treaty conspicuously absent while communique abounded with denunciations "American imperialism." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP mission's task was presumably made more difficult by ChiCom cockiness owing to Khrushchev's fall and CCNE. On other hand, CCNE presented JSP with unusual opportunity for dramatic show of independence. Narita's initial willingness to condemn ChiCom action, however, evidently weakened by time of drafting communique. Critical notices unlikely to do him any good, though doubtful this performance will cost him job at coming convention. In broader sense, JSP's kowtowing to ChiComs on most important issues while ignoring real points of dispute not likely to endear Party to Japanese public which increasingly proud and self-confident. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. President Sukarno Visits Japan

Indonesian President SUKARNO arrived Tokyo October 26. According to press, during visit with ForMin SHIINA October 29, Sukarno said he would maintain non-aligned policy and reaffirmed commitment abide by any recommendation AACC might make on Malaysian dispute. Sukarno also thanked Shiina for Japanese efforts obtain Indonesian participation in Olympics. Shiina hoped

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for peaceful settlement Malaysian dispute and expressed GOJ readiness offer help if there should be room for Japanese role. Shiina also expressed interest in further cooperation development Indonesian natural resources. Sukarno scheduled leave November 1 via Garuda aircraft for Pyongyang where he will be state guest. He plans return to Indonesia via Shanghai where he is scheduled to see Chou En-lai November 3. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

4. ROK-Japan Relations

At regular Thursday meeting October 29, ROK Ambassador KIM requested increase of Japan imports from Korea and finalization loans for PVC and cement plants. Japanese chief negotiator SUGI requested return Japanese fishing boats and said decisions on problems pending between two countries, including timing of resumption overall normalization negotiations, will have to await appointment new Primin. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

5. Chinese Defects to ChiComs

Chinese Nationalist Olympic team member MA Ching-san, rapid-fire sharpshooter, who told Japanese police October 23 he wished return to Communist China and live with parents in Manchuria, boarded Japanese ship in Osaka October 29 which scheduled leave Yokohama November 1 for mainland. Ma was interviewed for about fifteen minutes by Chinese Embassy Political Counselor NIU, but did not change his mind. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Defection has received routine play in press (for most part in juxtaposition reports on Bloc defections to West - Item 6) and Chinese Embassy not making issue over case. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. Olympic Defectors

Three Hungarians in Tokyo for Olympics (one athlete, two spectators) sought Embassy assistance to gain asylum in U.S. Japanese police confirmed their intentions and escorted them to airport for departure October 23 for U.S. Another Hungarian Olympic athlete who wanted asylum in West Germany and obtained West German Embassy assistance, departed by air October 24 for Frankfurt but disembarked in Anchorage and sought asylum in U.S. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese authorities fully cooperated in taking custody of defectors prior to their departure. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. Principal Leaders Chosen for Domei

Domei Kaigi leaders announced that President Kumazo NAKACHI and SecGen Seiji AMATKE have been designated to occupy comparable posts in

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successor labor federation, Domei, when latter inaugurated November 11. Zenro President Minoru TAKITA becomes Deputy Chairman, after unsuccessful bid for top post which raked up old personal and organizational rivalries between Domei Kaigi component organizations, Zenro and Sodomei. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Inauguration of Domei culminates many years' efforts to create strong, unified "right wing" labor federation backing DSP. Struggle for top positions in Domei gave vent to old jurisdictional rivalry between Sodomei and Zenro and underlines difficulties ahead for Domei in really merging the grass roots organization for effective organizational and political action. Nakachi emerges from pre-convention maneuvering stronger than ever, and can be expected to lead new organization on a continued course of solid support for DSP and opposition to Sohyo. Reorganization of Domei Kaigi into Domei does not of itself increase membership, but federation now claims 1,800,000 members, increase of 500,000 in two years. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. Nikkyoso Raps CCNE

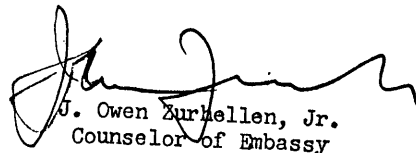
Central executive committee of Japan Teachers Union (Nikkyoso) October 28 decided stand on wage policy, ILO question, next year's spring struggle, attacked CCNE. Nikkyoso decided to lodge protest demanding that ChiComs stop their nuclear testing. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Anti-CCNE resolution by Nikkyoso, first by any Sohyo affiliate, indicates continuation of more moderate, anti-JCP line by union which five years ago would most probably have hesitated to oppose ChiComs on nuclear issue. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. Sato Takes Over

Question of successor to IKEDA as PriMin and LDP President was resolved when LDP arbitrators MIKI and KAWASHIMA called on Ikeda at hospital morning November 9. Ikeda opted for erstwhile rival Eisaku SATO. Miki and Kawashima announced this preference at LDP Diet members' caucus same morning; LDP Dietmen approved it by acclamation and voted along straight Party lines for Sato in PriMinisterial election in Diet special session that afternoon. Sato same evening presented Cabinet without Ministerial changes to

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Emperor for attestation. Only significant personnel shifts thus far are replacement Chief Cabinet Secretary SUZUKI by Sato confidant Tomisaburo HASHIMOTO and dropping of Parliamentary Vice Min of Science and Technics Agency Yoshiro KIKUCHI.

Sato at televised press conference November 10 emphasized his intention of continuing "Ikeda Line" with injection of slight coloration of more activist "Sato policy." He emphasized need for Japan to "make its voice heard" in international affairs, called for internal harmony and "all-round social planning" to resolve economic frictions, and expressed intention of moving cautiously on controversial issues such as Constitutional revision. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: In terms of LDP factional situation prospects for stability of Sato Cabinet appear good if, as indicated, he follows general line of Ikeda policies and exercises appropriate caution in introducing his own more activist programs. Opposition parties, spurred on by SSN entry in first days of new administration (Item 2), may be expected oppose Sato more actively and directly than they did Ikeda. No issue is at present in sight which appears give Sato's opponents chance of overthrowing him. Substance of "Sato policy" has not yet emerged from post-succession oratory, but Sato is holding conferences with Ministers and outlines will probably emerge in special Diet session expected resume about November 25. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. SSN Port Call

USS Sea Dragon, first nuclear-powered submarine to visit Japan, moored in Sasebo harbor at 0850 on November 12 without incident. Sasebo mayor led list of local dignitaries who went aboard sub tender Ajax to attend briefing and visited sub. All aspects of SSN port entry fully covered by TV, radio and press, but media for most part have refrained from blowing up event out of proportion.

On day of arrival leftist opposition groups able to mount only minor demonstration which police easily controlled. In Sasebo, approximately 1300 demonstrators, including 400 students, participated. On previous Sunday in Sasebo, two JCP-sponsored rallies drew 5100 and 7200 participants, while JSP-Sohyo demonstration attracted 7800. Owing to students' propensity for fighting police, JSP/Sohyo asked Zengakuren mainstream (anti-JCP element) not to participate in their rallies, but appeal has not been heeded, and several students have been arrested. Small-scale demonstrations have also taken place in other urban areas, especially in Tokyo and Yokosuka. JSP Diet member Yanosuke NARAHASHI (member of extreme left-wing faction) was arrested by Sasebo police November 13 for assaulting police officer; Narahashi was released after few hours' detention.

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Press commentaries, possibly reflecting popular attitude on sub visit, have generally stressed that SSN port call was "natural" in light of Security Treaty, asserted that doubts about SSN's safety and possible introduction of nuclear weapons remain unresolved, and urged that anti-SSN demonstrations remain orderly. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Given amount of forewarning opposition had of SSN port call, demonstrations thus far have been most unimpressive. Likely that tempo of opposition will rise, at least until Saturday and Sunday, November 14 - 15, when maximum effort can be expected even after SSN departure scheduled for Saturday. Unpredictable Zengakuren element could still cause considerable trouble, but initial phases of port call indicated such opposition efforts did not have support of local inhabitants. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. JSP Mainstream Leaders Prepare for Convention

Representatives of three JSP factions constituting mainstream (KAWAKAMI, WADA and EDA factions) met for second time November 9 to talk over question of leadership to be decided at annual JSP convention scheduled for early December. Although additional meetings will be held in coming weeks, increasingly apparent that Party President Kawakami and Secretary General NARITA will be reelected without opposition. Hiroo Wada has now almost completely dropped from contention for chairmanship, and time for Saburo Eda's candidacy not yet deemed ripe, partly owing to anti-mainstream's opposition to him. Since anti-mainstream's successful bid for chairmanship is out of the question, Kawakami by default almost certain of another two-year term. Narita, who enjoys confidence of anti-mainstream though a member of Eda faction, likely to be prevailed on to stay on job also. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Some of younger elements in Party, especially in Eda and Wada factions, not entirely happy about prospect of fighting Upper House election and probably also Lower House election with "old face" (75) Kawakami at head of JSP. However, alternate leadership would surely cause upset of delicate factional balance which everyone eager to avoid. Under Kawakami-Narita, JSP can expect more of uninspired, lackluster leadership which in past has failed to attract new voters. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Meany Addresses Inaugural Convention of Domei

George Meany (President, AFL-CIO) delivered congratulatory address to inaugural convention of Domei (WEEKA 44, Item 7), new right-wing labor federation (claimed membership, 1,800,000). Major theme was that labor unions should be controlled by their members and not by outsiders, and should strive to obtain for members a larger share of what they produce. Meany urged Domei to take active role in international labor movement on

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equal footing with Americans and Europeans to make uniquely Japanese contribution and to foster free unionism against communism. Meany was accompanied by three AFL-CIO vice presidents and head of international affairs department. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Meany's visit with top-level delegation is fruit of long and cordial relationship between Zenro and Sodomei and old AFL. Meany's speech, although receiving little play in mass media, obviously impressed delegates and underlined difference in approach to union problems between AFL-CIO-Domei on one side and Sohyo on the other. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Korean Defectors

Following departure for North Korea November 7 of one South Korean visitor to Olympics, four others informed Japanese authorities November 11 of their desire to go to North Korea. All four reportedly were born in North Korea and have families there. FonOff has told us GOJ fears there may be more such cases. Of 4,735 South Koreans who were given special 30-day visas to visit Japan during Olympic period, approximately 2,000 have overstayed their visas. FonOff told us many of these desire attend school here or stay with relatives who will guarantee support. Justice Ministry engaged in persuading them return, and of those refusing, most will be deported, though exceptions may be granted. FonOff hopes that ROKG will not permit defection cases disturb relations between governments, but both FonOff and Korean Mission expressed to us fear that Korean domestic opposition criticism may force ROKG adopt strong anti-Japanese measures. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: No serious repercussions from these defections so far. Japanese press has given stories routine inside page treatment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. Korean Ambassador Returns for Consultations

Korean Ambassador KIM saw FonMin SHIINA November 12 and PriMin Sato November 13 prior to return to Seoul for consultations concerning next chapter in ROK-Japan normalization talks. According to press, Kim expressed hope for early settlement loans under negotiations and early resumption negotiations. Shiina reaffirmed PriMin Sato's desire normalize relations but said Sato's forward-looking attitude does not mean that GOJ will make undue

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concessions to hasten conclusion of negotiations. Shiina also called for release Japanese fishermen and vessels which, he said, should precede any attempts increase Korean agricultural and fisheries exports to Japan. Press has commented that full-scale resumption negotiations unlikely before year end. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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1. LDP Succession Problem

Continuing efforts of LDP Vice Pres KAWASHIMA and SecGen MIKI "smoothly" to resolve question of who will succeed IKEDA as PriMin and LDP Party Pres still faced stalemate in which faction leaders SATO, KONO and FUJIYAMA remained avowed candidates. Miki and Kawashima met with these three on October 30 but none indicated

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disposition to withdraw from race. Kono and Fujiyama factions maneuvered for alliance against stronger Sato faction but without resolving problem of rival candidacies Fujiyama and Kono themselves. Factions of Ikeda, Miki, Kawashima and FUNADA, holding strategic middle position which gives them decisive influence in this situation, carefully avoided revealing preference among candidates. LDP officials and Diet members agreed that successor would be nominated by Diet members caucus and presented to special Diet session November 9 for election as PriMin. Formal selection as Party Pres is scheduled to follow at special LDP convention December 1. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sato appeared have clear edge in preference influential LDP officers, financial circles which back LDP, and Japanese government bureaucracy. Kono faction, however, appeared continue to believe that obligations stemming from Kono support and Sato opposition in July LDP elections would induce Ikeda to throw his weight behind Kono. This, if it occurred, would probably be decisive. It is far from clear, however, that Ikeda is likely to do any such thing, since if he desired Kono succession he could have named him acting PriMin. Kono appears motivated primarily by long-standing opposition to Sato, and by necessity of preserving face as declared candidate. Fujiyama motive appears to be opportunistic ambition which Kono is exploiting skillfully. Effort to choose successor through consultations rather than showdown vote is designed to minimize inevitable intra-Party strains and enmities resulting from having to make clear-cut choice between Sato and Kono at this juncture. It is not yet possible to predict effect on LDP solidarity. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. JSP Demands Turn in Power

JSP Chairman Jotaro KAWAKAMI in address to Central Executive Committee November 5 demanded that LDP hand over government reins to Socialists (as largest opposition party) on grounds that retirement of PriMin Ikeda meant latter had lost confidence in his ability to deal with foreign and domestic situations. Kawakami also called for early dissolution of House of Representatives and general election. Central Executive Committee session otherwise concentrated on anti-SSN campaign, reports on delegations' visits to USSR, Communist China, U.K., Okinawa. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Demand for alternation of government tenure reflects JSP frustration at fact that LDP, even in disarray of squabble over leadership succession, maintains unshakable hold on governmental powers. JSP penchant for unrealistic demands contributes to party's lack of popular appeal and helps prolong conservative tenure. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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GOJ and political party leaders unanimously welcomed President Johnson's election. LDP Secretary-General Takeo Miki hailed voters' support of Johnson's moderate policies and said Japan expects to strengthen its basic policy of cooperation with United States. Japan Socialist Party spokesman while expressing satisfaction over election outcome, added hope for revision of American policy in Asia, including cessation of military activities in South Vietnam, and admission of Chicom to U.N. DSP statement asked for reexamination of US policy toward Japan. JCP organ paper Akahata refrained from comment.

Japanese news media accorded U.S. elections heavy attention November 4 and 5.

Main themes of early Japanese comment were:

(1) Choice of Johnson over Goldwater reflected common sense of American voters and their rejection of "dangerous and extremist positions" identified with Goldwater;

(2) President Johnson now has his own administration and may be expected to give it new look;

(3) Principal domestic problem facing Johnson is race issue, and main political problem for nation is restoring viable opposition party;

(4) While British and Soviet regimes are still seeking their direction, great expectations are placed on Johnson's asserting leadership and moving positively to end Vietnam crisis through political settlement, to adopt more forward-looking China policy, to push harder for nuclear weapons control and other peace measures and to further improve Japan-U.S. relations.

Commentators gave considerable attention to matters they consider major irritants to U.S.-Japan relations--administration of Okinawa, interest equalization tax, civil air agreement, North Pacific fishing rights, restrictions against Japanese imports--and have expressed hope that new administration will listen "more sympathetically" to Japanese proposals so that "truly equal" partnership may be achieved. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese interest in presidential race was bolstered by (1) realization of crucial decisions and tasks confronting new administration following series of major world events, and (2) anxiety over outside possibility of win by Goldwater, whose main policy proposals were anathema to most politically aware Japanese. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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During past week, Opposition, believing SSN port call imminent on basis of press stories, sharply stepped up anti-SSN activities. In Tokyo on November 2, 15,000 (police figure) communists and students staged uneventful demonstrations, and 1,000 Zengakuren members participated November 5 in demonstration. Sohyo scheduled workshop rallies during and outside working hours November 6. JSP/Sohyo reaffirmed policy of non-cooperation with JCP at national level, while conditionally permitting joint activities at local level. There is no evidence, however, that local option is being widely exercised. JSP/Sohyo sponsoring major rally demonstrations in Yokosuka and Tokyo November 7, and in Sasebo November 8. Police estimate half of 50,000 participants expected by sponsors will show up. JCP sponsoring nation-wide demonstrations against SSN November 15 and 20. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Demonstrations thus far seem to lack both punch and scope, despite prevailing belief that SSN port call is imminent. No indication that JSP/Sohyo, which supplied bulk of manpower for 1960 demonstrations, able this time to motivate rank-and-file to any great extent. Nor are they at all likely to adopt more militant tactics. JCP, and especially student groups, remain unpredictable element in situation. Although they have refrained from violence thus far, no guarantee this will continue. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. ROK-Japan Relations

A. Korean delegation to negotiate details of \$20 million loan held first meeting with Japanese Nov. 2. Both sides became bogged down in debate over question whether loan should be characterized as "economic assistance." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: None

B. Foreign Office November 5 refused request from Korean Ambassador KIM to hand over Seoul businessman CHOI Chang-Il, who was one of about 5,000 South Koreans who came to see Olympics and who told Japanese police November 4 that he wished to go to North Korea. Foreign Office position is that man's free will must be respected. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese policy similar to that applied in other defection cases during Olympic period. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. North Korea Fires on Japanese Fishing Vessel

A North Korean patrol boat October 27 fired on a Japanese fishing vessel 140 kilometers west of Chinnampo and wounded its captain. Fishing boat escorted to Chicom port on Hai Yang Tao, where first aid

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treatment given. North Koreans responded to protest of Japanese crew by saying they suspected ship of espionage. Ship returned to Japanese port November 1. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ still considering its response. (UNCLASSIFIED)

7. Nomination of New Okinawa Chief Executive

Nomination of new GRI Chief Executive Seiko MATSUOKA received considerable attention in Japanese press. There was some criticism of opposition demonstrations and walkout, but general tenor of media comment was sympathetic to demand for popular election of Chief Executive. JSP delegation visited Embassy November 2 with request that U.S. take positive steps toward allowing Okinawans right to elect Chief Executive, although they granted problems remain and immediate results could not be expected. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: None

8. Japanese Seaman Shot in Vietnam

Press reported November 6 that Japanese seaman shot by police in Danang November 4 while violating curfew. News report said when 7th Fleet left Japanese bases during Tonkin incident there were rumors "sizeable numbers" Japanese accompanied fleet. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although there has been little reaction to date, incident can be expected to reinforce left wing charges that U.S. is "involving Japan in Vietnam war" and may stimulate JSP efforts to obtain legislation banning deployment overseas of Japanese nationals employed by U.S. military forces. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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9. JSDF Anniversary Celebrations

JSDF celebrated its 11th Anniversary with November 1 military parade and review of elements of all three services, including aerial flyby, at Tokyo's Meiji Outer Garden. This was followed on successive days by JMSDF Naval Review in Tokyo Bay and JASDF Air Show (and 10th Anniversary Celebration) at Iruma Air Base. All celebrations went off smoothly and attracted large crowds though naval review marred by rain. In place of ailing Prime Minister Ikeda, Japan Defense Agency Director General Junya KOIZUMI addressed all three celebrations. Speaker of House of Representatives Naka FUNADA also addressed parade and review. Publicized feature of JASDF celebration was return from Guam to Japan of WWII "Zero" fighter, which was handed over by Lt. Governor of Guam. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: None10. JMSDF Flag Officer Changes

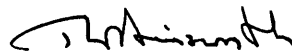
RADM Morio GOGA, was transferred November 1 from J-3, Joint Staff Council to Commander, JMSDF Training Squadron. Goga was relieved by RADM Seisaburo HOSHINO, who was promoted to RADM same day. Other changes included retirement of VADM Junji UOZUMI and reassignment of former Training Squadron Commander RADM Kazutoshi KUHARA to the Maritime Staff Office. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Transfers all appear to be routine. (UNCLASSIFIED)11. GSDF Helicopter Accident

In first fatal helicopter accident involving Ground Self Defense Force personnel, two H-13 helicopters collided and crashed at Kasuminome October 4. Two officers were killed and two suffered serious injuries. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

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POLITICAL

1. LDP-JSP Skirmishes Before Diet Reopens

In Diet Committee meetings preceding November 20 reopening of 47th Special Session, JSP made clear its eagerness to cross swords with new SATO administration. JSP first pressed successfully in Steering Committee for Diet resumption November 20 and presentation Sato's initial administrative policy statement November 21 instead of following week as GOJ had hoped. Having thus made date of speech an issue, Socialists then in Lower House Local Administration Committee November 16 threatened to boycott speech unless LDP agreed to bring Nagasaki police chief and other officials responsible for arrest of JSP Diet member Yanosuke NARAZAKI (WEEKA 46, Item 2) before Committee.

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LDP agreed to appearance of prefectural Police Chief INATOME November 19, but agreement not reached on appearance police officers directly involved in arrest. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sato administration clearly making effort to display posture of patience and reasonableness in face of militant Socialist attitude, which stems in part from fact that JSP Convention approaching. JSP eagerness for conflict with Sato appears likely to produce little benefit for JSP, because latter does not at this time have a good substantive issue on which to focus attack. Neither SSN entry as such nor Narazaki arrest likely attract much public support for JSP. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Soka Gakkai Launches New Political Party

Buddhist religious organization, Soka Gakkai, formally inaugurated new political party -- Komeito or "Clean Government Party" -- at rally in Tokyo November 17 attended by 15,000 representatives of claimed 100,000 party membership. New party, headed by Koji HARASHIMA, 54, member of Upper House and Chairman of Komeito predecessor organization Koseiren, announced guiding principles, action program, and candidates for next Upper and Lower House elections. Guiding principles stress "solidarity" (absolute party discipline), "identification with masses," and study of Soka Gakkai teachings. According to party's action program, Komeito opposes revision of "peace Constitution"; demands early recognition of Communist China, return of Okinawa and northern islands and normalization diplomatic relations with ROK; supports U.S.-Japan Security Treaty as "unavoidable measure" so long as fear of aggression against Japan exists. Domestic policies call for struggle against political corruption and against adoption of single-member electoral district system. New party also announced decision to field total of 14 candidates for 1965 Upper House elections and 32 candidates for Lower House elections (which Soka Gakkai has not previously contested), expected next year. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Emergence of new religion-based political party, backed by formidable Soka Gakkai organization (which claims membership of 5 million households or 13 million voters), certain to have important impact on political scene. Party, inheriting 15 former Koseiren seats in Upper House and about 900 seats in prefectural and local assemblies, already ranks as third party in nation. Prospects for further growth not predictable, but most observers agree party has good chance to win election of practically all its Upper House candidates and at least 30 of its Lower House candidates. All other parties expect to be hit by Komeito gains and have greeted new party with ill-concealed concern. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Lower House By-election Held

JSP augmented its strength in House of Representatives by one seat as result of by-election held November 18 in Chiba Prefecture second district. Election was held to fill two vacancies resulting from deaths former LDP

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incumbents. Successful candidates were Shinjiro YAMAMURA, 31, (LDP), and Mitsuo OGAWA, 62, (JSP).

Party standings in Lower House following election are: LDP--288, JSP--145, DSP--23, JCP--4, Independents--1, Vacancies--6. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP picked up new seat because of split in conservative vote (only one candidate, Yamamura, formally endorsed by LDP, while three conservatives ran as independents) and not because percentage of JSP vote significantly increased. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. First SSN Port Call Completed

USS Sea Dragon departed Sasebo harbor at 1400 November 14 on schedule and without incident after successful three-day visit. Sub given friendly send-off by Sasebo mayor. Sasebo citizenry took visit in stride despite efforts leftist groups to arouse active opposition. JCP and JSP/Sohyo continued to stage separate demonstrations on second and third days, bringing in demonstrators from outside city. Second day JCP rally and demonstration parade mustered 2600. JSP/Sohyo rally in evening quiet with only 800 participants. Estimated 350 to 400 US Navy personnel ashore in entertainment area during evening November 13 with no incidents reported. Final day activity confined to brief JSP/Sohyo demonstration with 800 participants (one arrest made) and a JCP harborside rally of about 1400 persons at time of sub departure. Various leftwing groups staged a series of rallies and demonstrations in Tokyo and Yokohama-Yokosuka area, as part of continuing campaign to keep sub issue alive in anticipation of possible Yokosuka port call. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: SSN visit went more smoothly than anticipated. Leftist opposition efforts failed to get off ground owing to apathy of public, apparent depletion of funds on part of sponsoring organizations, and effective police organization and mob-control tactics. JCP and JSP/Sohyo apparently planning to focus main effort on Yokosuka where local economy less dependent on base and where manpower for demonstrations more easily mobilized. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Renewed ROK-GOJ Negotiations in Prospect

Korean Ambassador Kim left Tokyo for Seoul November 16 for consultations concerning future normalization negotiations with Japanese. In separate conversations with FonMin SHIINA, PriMin SATO and Deputy Vice FonMin USHIBA, Kim learned that GOJ willing resume negotiations whenever Koreans make request, and that GOJ planning purchase about \$2 million Korean fisheries products this year. FonMin agreed visit Seoul first part next year, in January if possible. Kim indicated he believed Japanese boats and fishermen held in Korea might be released soon. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: When Kim returns from Seoul, we will have better idea of prospects for success of negotiations, which appear likely to resume in December if all goes well. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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6. US-GOJ Committee on Okinawa Meets.

U.S.-Japan Consultative Committee on aid to Okinawa met on November 17 to consider GOJ proposal for assistance in JFY 1965 at a level of \$7.96 million. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Proposal would increase aid proposed by U.S. last September by about 700 thousand dollars and is generally consistent with U.S. plans. Committee meeting proceeded smoothly and enhanced U.S.-Japan cooperation concerning Okinawa. (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. Ryukyus Chief Executive Visits Japan

Seiho MATSUOKA, who took office as Ryukyus Chief Executive on October 31, arrived in Japan November 18 for ten-day visit. Schedule includes calls on Ambassador Reischauer and principal GOJ leaders. Matsuoka reportedly will ask GOJ support for Ryukyuan sugar production. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: New Chief Executive's alacrity in making official call on GOJ reflects strength of Ryukyuan-Japanese affinities as well as Ryukyuan desire to obtain support from new SATO Government. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. Korean Defectors

Four South Korean Olympic visitors who expressed desire to go to North Korea (WEEKA 46, Item 5) left for Chongjin November 16. South Korean sailor told Japanese police November 13 he wanted to go north and is now undergoing questioning. Another South Korean Olympic visitor, Mrs. HAI Yung Kwan, told police November 18 that she wants to go to North Korea with her husband who has been living in Kyoto.

Press reports that about 600 of approximately 4,700 Korean Olympic visitors remain in Japan. Of these, approximately 20 have secured extensions of their visas for illness or other reasons. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese fear additional defections among overstaying Koreans with possible repercussions on ROK-Japan negotiations. Japanese immigration authorities trying to get them back to South Korea. Korean Mission also worried about possible adverse effect on ROK Government attitude toward negotiations. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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ASDF, together with GSDF, MSDF and USAF, November 18 completed three-day exercise designed to test JASDF defense capability against air attack. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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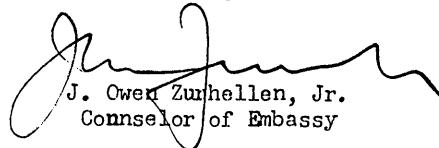
Comment: While results not fully evaluated, preliminary indication is maneuvers highly successful. (UNCLASSIFIED)

10. Defense Agency Personnel Changes

Resignation November 17 of Japanese Defense Agency (JDA) Administrative Vice Minister Yozo KATO set off inevitable round of changes in JDA top jobs. Former Chief of Director General's Secretariat Toshio MIWA moved up to Administrative Vice Minister; Miwa was replaced by former Chief of JDA Personnel Bureau, Hisao OBATA, who in turn was relieved by former Education Bureau Chief Masataka HOTTA. Hotta's replacement is former Defense Councilor Yataka SHIMADA. Osamu KAIHARA remains as Chief, Defense Bureau. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Changes were as anticipated. "Emperor" Kaihara's failure to move up the ladder despite speculation within JDA that he would improve his position, may well stem from his inopportune remarks on SUBROC during Diet interpellations on SSN visit. (WEEKA 36, Item 1). (CONFIDENTIAL)

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POLITICAL

1. Sato Makes Initial Policy Presentations to Diet

New PriMin Eisaku SATO in initial administrative policy speech before Diet special session November 21 (which was delayed over an hour by need for last-minute negotiations with Socialists on NARAZAKI case - WEEKA 47, Item 1), and in interpellations following week, reaffirmed basic lines of GOJ policy inherited from predecessor Hayato IKEDA, with stress on continuing mutual defense relationship with U.S., regret over CCNE and hope ChiComs not repeat explosion and adhere to test ban treaty,

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earliest possible normalization of relations with ROK, and increased Japanese contribution, as Asian nation, to political stability and economic prosperity of Asian countries. Sato also promised (but did not define in detail) "social development to realize government stressing respect for individuals," efforts to balance international accounts and stabilize consumer goods prices, and government aid to farmers, fishermen and medium and small businesses. In interpellations he revealed decision Japan would participate in second Asian-African ("Second Bandung") conference in Algiers, reaffirmed GOJ intention not to permit introduction nuclear weapons, expressed support in principle for U.N. peace-keeping force and declined to discuss details of ChiRep question as "untimely." He expressed intention of deliberating as much as possible with Opposition on Diet bills and not ramming legislation through. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Reaffirmation of major policy lines was expected, particularly since Sato in connection his succession to power had declared intention to follow "Ikeda line." Apart from Asian-African conference decision and U.N. force support, policy speech and interpellations produced no surprises. Absence of specifics to clarify policies and evasion of sticky points of interpellators' questions drew expressions of discontent from press commentators as well as Opposition spokesmen. Feeling appears general that Sato is proceeding very slowly, perhaps too slowly, in getting new administration off the ground. On other hand considerable interest has focused on press reports he would visit U.S. for meeting with President Johnson in relatively near future, and on speculation concerning possible movement on China policy (Item 4). (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. JCP Holds 9th Party Congress

Japan Communist Party convened its Ninth Party Congress November 24 to ratify party's Peiping-oriented line and choose new Presidium and Central Committee members. 1100 delegates - believed to be overwhelmingly supporters of pro-Peiping leadership - assembled in Tokyo to attend week-long meeting.

First-day session, open to public and to press (except Tass and Pravda), featured keynote speeches by Chairman Sanzo NOZAKA and SecGen Kenji MIYAMOTO. Delegates unanimously confirmed expulsions of former Presidium members Yoshio SHIGA and Ichizo SUZUKI, and former Central Committee members Shigeharu NAKANO and Shigeo KAMIYAMA. Congress also passed resolution protesting GOJ refusal entry permits to foreign Communists invited to Congress, including ChiCom delegation headed by PENG Chen, CCP Politburo member and Mayor of Peiping (see Item 4).

After opening session, Congress continued behind closed doors to discuss Central Committee report on post-CCNE world and domestic situation and action policy for next two years. Last two days of Congress to be devoted to election of party officers and top governing bodies. Nozaka and Miyamoto

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reelection as Party Chairman and SecGen, respectively, almost certain. (UN-CLASSIFIED)

Comment: JCP Congress, first to be held since 1961, expected largely confirm victory of pro-Peiping forces in JCP and endorse clearcut ChiCom international affairs line. Expulsion of Shiga, Kamiyama, and their colleagues during past year has eliminated pro-Soviet elements from top leadership group. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. ROK-Japan Negotiations to Resume

ROK Ambassador KIM Dong-cho returned from consultations in Seoul November 23 and saw FonMin SHIINA November 25. Kim and Shiina agreed that negotiations, termed the Seventh Over-All Talks, will start December 3 with subcommittees on fisheries, legal status of Koreans in Japan and basic relations to start December 7. Kim also delivered invitation for Shiina to visit Seoul, and Shiina said he hoped to do so by mid-February at latest. Shiina asked for release three fishing boats and 16 fishermen now held in Korea, and Kim reportedly gave grounds for belief they would be released by December 3.

According to press, GOJ has decided approve export eleven 140-ton refrigerator ships worth \$1.44 million and is considering Korean request for import of 80,000 tons Korean rice. Press also reports approval expected soon for export \$3.6 million PVC plant, \$5 million cement plant and \$20 million loan consisting of \$11 million of raw materials for Korean industries and \$9 million for machinery parts. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: These developments, together with Sato declaration (Item 1) he intends seek early settlement, offer hope for progress, and Japanese officials ready proceed with negotiations, but they still entertain some apprehensions concerning Korean willingness reach rapid agreement and ability obtain satisfaction in Seoul. FonOff particularly apprehensive rumored plans for KIM Chong-P'il's return to Korea, fearing that his return will cause Korean domestic upheaval and wreck carefully laid plans. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Japan's China Policy

Attitude of SATO Government toward relations with Peiping and Taipei outlined in Diet speeches by PriMin Sato and FonMin Shiina November 21 and elucidated during interpellations in both Diet houses during following week. Sato said he would follow IKEDA's policy of separating economics from politics, seek expanded trade and cultural relations with Communist China, maintain diplomatic relations with GRC and support its position in U.N. He regretted Chicom nuclear test and urged Peiping's accession partial nuclear test ban treaty. November 21 GOJ announced refusal permit entry of foreign Communists to attend JCP convention, including CCP group headed by Politburo member PENG Chen. Sato explained that decision based upon principle of separating politics from economics. Press reported that Sato plans send Chuji KUNO,

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Vice Chairman LDP Diet Policy Committee, to Peiping in December as unofficial emissary to explain his China policy. Press also reported November 27 that FonMin Shiina in speech at U.N. scheduled for December 4 will express regret CCNE, question Chicom good faith in calling for world summit conference to ban nuclear weapons while testing its own and call for continued support of "important question" formula in dealing with Chirep. GOJ also considering \$150 million loan to GRC. Press has also reported that GOJ regards consultation with U.S. on China policy most important and that this will be important topic during Shiina's conversations with Secretary RUSK. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sato has made it clear that he will seek more contact with mainland while maintaining political and economic ties with Taipei.

Kuno, while confirming he plans business trip to Peiping (his fourth this year) denied to EmbOffs that he will go as Sato emissary or undertake political discussions there. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Foreign Office Personnel Shifts

Fonoff is planning to reshuffle key bureau chiefs in January, according to press report November 21. FonMin Shiina and Vice FonMin Takio ODA reportedly have decided to appoint Counselor Takeshi YASUKAWA of Minister's Secretariat as Director of American Affairs Bureau; Heishiro OGAWA, now Chief of the Research and Analysis Division, as Director of Asian Affairs Bureau, and Minister Hideo KITAHARA of Japanese Embassy in Paris as Director of European Affairs Bureau. Yasukawa, who has served in American Bureau and in Washington, is specialist in US-Japan defense and military matters. Ogawa is known as leading specialist in Chinese affairs. Incumbent Bureau Directors will reportedly receive foreign assignments (unspecified). (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. Afro-Asian Conference

Sato's statement that Japan will attend Algiers A-A Conference (Item 1) received headline attention from press, which speculated first that Sato would go himself, then that he would send former PriMin Kishi or other top-ranking envoy. Press also subsequently reported that visiting Indonesian FonMin SUBANDRIO welcomed participation of Japan and expected it to play leading part in Conference. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Press surmised that purpose of participation would be high-level "unofficial" contact with Chicom spokesman Chou En-lai. Budget consideration in Diet about time of conference virtually excludes Sato attendance. Kishi would appear inappropriate to head delegation, since he is anathema to Chicoms and widely known as pro-U.S. Press guesses appear reflect wishful thinking, not inside information. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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7. Indonesian Visitors

Indo FonMin SUBANDRIO arrived Tokyo November 25 and plans leave November 30 for U.N. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Subandrio arrived with little advance notice and working levels at FonOff profess not to know reason for visit. (CONFIDENTIAL)

8. Koreans Overstaying Visas

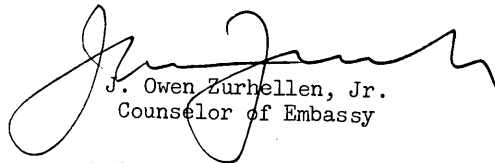
Number of Korean Olympic visitors staying Japan after expiration of visas dropped to approximately 200 according Justice Ministry announcement November 24. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sato Formally Chosen LDP President 			
			<p>Primin Eisaku SATO was formally chosen President of Liberal Democratic Party by acclamation at LDP's 15th Extraordinary Convention December 1. KONO faction members Takechiyo MATSUDA (presiding at convention) and Sunao SONODA (opening speaker) played prominent if largely formal roles. Other LDP officers headed by Vice Pres KAWASHIMA and SecGen MIKI were reelected. Sato in inaugural address called for LDP unity and modernization, spoke of need for tolerance toward opposi-</p>			
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tion in parliamentary proceedings, reiterated pledge to follow "IKEDA line," and urged effort for sweeping victory in June Upper House election. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sato's factional rivals, notably Ichiro KONO, appear to be playing cooperative roles to the latter thus far. Current reports indicate that Sato is tentatively planning Cabinet reshuffle but it will probably come after Upper House election. Sato LDP speech was no more revealing than his Diet speeches thus far concerning his substantive policy intentions. Absence of headline-making statements is causing considerable disgruntlement among press, and some among public. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. JCP Ends Convention

Winding up week-long party Congress, JCP November 30 chose 67-member Central Committee plus 42 alternates and reelected Sanzo NOZAKA and Kenji MIYAMOTO to their third terms as Chairman and SecGen respectively. New CC, made up essentially of old CC incumbents with replacements for those expelled in recent purges, chose new 9-member Presidium which will govern party until next Congress. Reelected to Presidium were Nozaka, Miyamoto, Satomi HAKAMADA, Harushige MATSUSHIMA, Koreto KURAHARA and Shoichi KASUGA. Masayoshi OKA, Itaru YONEHARA, and Kenji KAWATA replaced Katsumi KIKUNAMI, who took blame for faulty JCP labor policy (stand against April 17 strike), and Yoshio SHIGA and Ichizo SUZUKI, whose expulsion for supporting pro-Soviet line was confirmed first day of JCP Congress (WEEK 48, Item 2). Following Congress, ousted leaders led by Shiga announced plans for forming rival Communist Party next spring and charged JCP with "revisionist and dogmatist deviations" and "betrayal of true Marxism-Leninism." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Congress gave pro-Peiping elements stronger voice in JCP affairs. but adopted policy line reflecting apparent effort to avoid complete identification with ChiComs' militant anti-imperialist posture. Dissidents, forced outside of party, face uphill battle to win support. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. LDP Hits at Diet Members' Pressure Groups

LDP Secretary General Takeo MIKI announced December 3 that party's Executive Board had decided to study dissolution of all "Diet Member Leagues" in which LDP and opposition members jointly participate, and of all similar groups within LDP itself. Miki added his own view they should all be abolished, as contrary to principle of running LDP through formal party machinery. He said some such groups had exerted undesirable pressure in budget questions, contrary to LDP policy. Miki asserted that effect of move on most prominent such group, Diet Members' League to Promote Trade with (Communist) China, did not mean GOJ and LDP were moving backward on mainland China trade. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: "Leagues" in question are pressure groups dealing with specific issues. Perhaps most prominent next to Chicom-trade league is one representing medical interests, which according press has exerted strong pressures on medical fees and health insurance questions now pending. LDP factions do not

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appear come within scope of present study, but action against "leagues" would probably mean Miki had obtained Sato support for more active campaign against factions as well. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Japan-Peiping Relations

Primin SATO, in Diet interpellations December 3, said that he would seek to improve relations with Peiping on step-by-step basis but that hasty attempts to normalize relations might fail. He said he would have FonMin SHIINA retract "at proper time" statement allegedly made in earlier Diet interpellation that Japan would try to prevent Chicoms from obtaining seat in U.N. (According to press reports, Shiina in New York Dec. 1 said Japan supports "important question" because it opposes ouster of GRC, not for purpose preventing Chicom entry although that was its effect). Sato also reportedly said he would like to hold ambassadorial talks with Chicoms in third country or talks with Chicom leaders if occasion should arise, perhaps at next A-A conference "if (he) went." Press reported December 4 that Chicom trade representatives headed by SUN Ping-hua had indicated they prepared to resume negotiations on trade, which they had suspended last weekend, hoping to sign fertilizer agreements December 4 and 5, iron and steel agreement next week and comprehensive 1965 trade plan of LIAO-TAKASAKI agreement by month's end. No indication yet whether Peiping willing permit Diet group and Sato faction LDP Diet member Chuji KUNO, whose visits to Peiping they postponed during past week, to make their planned separate trips to Communist China.

Press, for most part, has carried little comment on stiff attitude Chicoms have taken toward Sato. Toward end of week, however, some editorials began to appear. Tokyo Shimbun and Japan Times regarded Peiping's attitude toward Japanese refusal of PENG Chen's visa as unreasonable. Mainichi and Yomiuri regretted Chicom attacks on Sato before new Cabinet had opportunity to establish policy but also criticized Sato for not having "comprehensive" China policy and for making inconsistent statements. Both papers called for positive Japanese approach, including government-to-government talks and exchange of visits of government personnel. Mainichi suggested that time had come to reconsider policy of separation of politics from economics and, through ambassadorial-level talks, to conclude agreements on air routes, postal matters and communications. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sato on December 1 had asked LDP China-hand Kenzo MATSUMURA to "clarify" to Peiping GOJ position on Peng's visa case. It is possible that Matsumura's efforts with Chicoms, plus Sato's assertions December 3 that he would continue seek friendly ties with Chicoms, led to resumption trade negotiations. FonOff analysts have told us, however, that they believe Chicoms consider Sato basically hostile and expect Chicoms to continue pressure against him. Japanese press is inclined to be more critical of Sato than it was of IKEDA, and Chicoms may believe such pressure may be successful and cause him to modify what Peiping considers unfriendly attitude. Mainichi and Yomiuri

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editorials should provide some encouragement to Chicom way of thinking. Appears most unlikely Sato will go to A-A Conference (WEEKA 48, Item 6). (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. ROK-Japan Negotiations Resume

ROK Ambassador KIM and GOJ Deputy Vice ForMin USHIBA resumed negotiations December 3 by opening 7th Overall Negotiations. Opening meeting was ceremonial with pro forma speeches by chief delegates. Committee meeting on fisheries scheduled to open December 7. Three Japanese fishing boats and 14 crewmen were released during December 3 meeting and arrived in Japan same day. Meanwhile, in Diet government spokesmen, in response to interpellations, gave varying versions as to whether \$20 million emergency loan and loans for cement and PVC plants will or will not be considered part of third category of financial agreement. Government decided to meet to determine "unified" government position in next few days. Press also reported Ushiba will make fact-finding visit to Seoul late December. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: First meetings of committees likely be devoted to reviewing and confirming position reached before talks broke off last spring; indications of negotiating attitudes may appear next week. Diet controversy over characterization of loans largely semantic, since GOJ considers third category open-ended, potentially covering any commercial loans. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Loan to GRC Contemplated

Nobusuke KISHI, former PriMin and brother of PriMin SATO, will leave for Taipei December 6 as advisor to group of top ranking businessmen who reportedly plan to discuss \$150 million loan to GRC. Kishi will carry letter from Sato to CHIANG Kai-shek.

Comment: Loan and Kishi visit are part of GOJ policy to shore up relations with GRC while at same time seeking way to develop peaceful relations with Chicoms. They are also among probable reasons for Peiping's attacks on Sato. (Item 4). (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. ForMin Attends U.N.

ForMin Etsusaburo SHIINA departed November 25 to participate in UNGA opening activities, following brief visit to Washington (where his daughter currently resides). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This is Shiina's first trip outside Japan since becoming ForMin last July. Public interest in Shiina's attendance at UNGA is principally focused on Chirep question (see Item 4). (UNCLASSIFIED)

8. Korean Newsmen Visit Japan

In program to foster better relations, 14 Korean newspapermen arrived

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November 30 for 12-day visit as guests of Japan Newspaper Publishers and Editors Association. Group called on Vice ForMin ODA December 2, on PriMin SATO December 3 and is scheduled to tour Japan before returning to Korea. (UNCLASSIFIED)

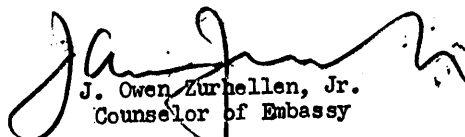
Comment: Visit made on initiative Korean Ambassador KIM, who arranged through ForOff for Japanese extend invitation, and appears constructive move to develop atmosphere for successful negotiations. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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Press reports that in Lower House Budget Committee session, December 2, JDA Director General Koizumi said there was no need for Japan to alter defense arrangements as result of CCNE. Japan will rely on Security Treaty with U.S. to provide nuclear deterrent and continue with established objectives of 2d Defense Buildup Program ending fiscal 1966. International military developments, he said, would be considered thoroughly in development of 3d Defense Buildup Program. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: It is doubtful that established objectives of 2d Defense Buildup can be accomplished unless funding for next two years is increased substantially over amounts approved in recent years. On becoming Director General, Koizumi had voiced high hopes for improving the JSDF. That he should pass opportunity to exploit circumstances of CCNE to push for expedited 2d Buildup or reappraisal of objectives may indicate new Sato government not yet politically ready to improve defense force posture. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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POLITICAL

1. Sato Government Continues Foreign Policy Focus

SATO Cabinet main activities continued to concentrate in foreign affairs field, highlighted by announcement PriMin would visit U.S. for January 12 meeting with President Johnson. Diet interpellations (Budget Committees of both Houses) directed strongly to foreign policy, particularly China questions (Item 5). (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Signs that new Government not yet hitting on all cylinders emerged as PriMin and FonMin found it necessary withdraw or change replies on ChiRep, JDA Defense Agency Chief KOIZUMI got off base on status of Japanese crews aboard USMSTS LST's. Performance in interpellations has improved since Sato's first efforts (WEEKA 48, Item 1), but continues be marked by unexpected degree of "low posture" and vagueness which reportedly has some JSP Diet members nostalgic for good old days when they could have arguments with IKEDA. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Miki Hints at Possible Cabinet Changes

LDP SecGen Takeo MIKI in Osaka December 9 told press that "large-scale" Cabinet change would take place after House of Councillors election (June 1965). Chief Cabinet Secretary HASHIMOTO following day said that Miki was "expressing own thoughts" and that Sato had not yet decided on timing of any reshuffle. Hashimoto added, however, that "partial" change of Cabinet under consideration, and reshuffle "possible" about time of Upper House election. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sato effort to pursue Ikeda line with Ikeda team apparently not very satisfactory to anyone concerned thus far. While rumors of possible new Cabinet and LDP post appointments are becoming more frequent, there is no indication that any firm decisions have been made. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Ikeda leaves Hospital

Former PriMin Ikeda left National Cancer Center December 5, expects spend month or two recuperating at Atami. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

4. JSP Convention Seeks Party Unity

JSP, during national convention December 8-11, undertook to decide top executive positions and apportionment of key party posts on basis of negotiations between mainstream leadership and anti-mainstream SUZUKI-SASAKI faction, as step to restore facade of intra-party cooperation. SecGen Tomomi Narita's plan to accommodate anti-mainstream in party executive by creating two vice-chairmanships was accepted December 10 after considerable maneuvering on both sides, including Narita's threat to resign if plan was rejected. Newly-decided party executives (subject to formal convention approval which virtually certain) include Jotaro KAWAKAMI as Chairman (5th term), Hiroo WADA and anti-mainstreamer Kozo Sasaki as Vice-Chairmen, and Narita as Secretary General (3rd term). Agreement was also reached December 10 on giving anti-mainstream 3 out of the 8 top party posts which it was decided would be filled without open election. Posts allotted to anti-mainstream (with names of probable occupants) are Diet Activities Bureau (Koichi YAMAMOTO), Propaganda

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and Education Bureau (Shichiro MATSUMOTO or Isei IDE) and newly-created People's Livelihood Bureau (Daiji IOKA). Remaining five posts and mainstream nominees are: General Affairs Bureau (Masakichi MATSUI), Organization Bureau (Saburo EDA), International Bureau (Seichi KATSUMATA), Finance Bureau (Mitsu KONO) and Policy Research Board (Setsuo YOKOMICHI). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Narita plan to integrate party by bringing anti-mainstream into key party positions appears to have been successful in ending anti-mainstream boycott of leadership posts. Whether basic objective of promoting intra-party harmony will be achieved remains to be seen. Anti-mainstream has not let up on sharply critical attacks on party policies as being too "soft on American imperialism." Extent to which militant anti-U.S. line of opposition factions has been accepted will be reflected in final version of JSP action program to be published after convention. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. China Policy Declarations

PriMin Sato faced more opposition questions on China policy in Diet committee sessions this week, as did FonMin Shiina after return from UN speech. Sato said that if Peiping mayor and CCP Politburo member PENG Chen, who was denied visa to attend JCP Congress (WEEK 49, Item 4), were invited by private organization his entry would be "different question" and there "should be no problem." Shiina, back from New York, where he had strongly condemned Chicom nuclear test and supported "important question" formula on Chirep, explained to Diet committee that his support of important question did not imply hostility toward Peiping or effort to keep Chicoms out of UN, but rather reflected importance of issue to Japan and world peace. Sato and Shiina thereafter stuck closely to "agreed view" on China policy closely following Ikeda line of maintaining relations with GRC, supporting "important question" in UN, separating politics from economics in dealing with Peiping.

On December 6, former PriMin KISHI (Sato's brother) led 16-man delegation to Taipei to attend ninth meeting of China-Japan Cooperation Committee. Kishi delivered letter from Sato to President CHIANG Kai-shek in December 8 meeting, and former Deputy PriMin and current LDP faction leader Mitsujiro ISHII also met Chiang. Eleven-member Japanese newspaper delegation also visiting Taiwan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sato, apparently seeking preserve and strengthen ties with GRC while trying to avoid appearance of hostility to Peiping and give impression of preparing way for more "positive" future policy toward Communist China, thus far has succeeded chiefly in confusing large number of Japanese and foreign observers as to his real intentions. Kishi and other advocates of strong anti-Communist posture are reportedly dissatisfied with Sato's efforts to be all things to all men on China policy. Chicoms may possibly have been somewhat mollified by revisions of earlier Shiina statements (cf. Item 6 below) but appears unlikely they have changed their basic assessment of Sato as hostile.

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Domestic opposition probably believe they can make hay in future with apparently inconsistent interpellation replies by Sato and Shiina. In spite of Sato's reputation as highly able politician, appears from indications thus far that he probably went into Diet hearings without having done homework adequately on complexities of China questions. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6.. Communist China Resumes Trade Negotiations

Chicom and Japanese trade representatives December 4 signed agreement for sale to Communist China in 1965 of \$52.8 million of fertilizers (1.1 million tons in terms of ammonium sulphate). In addition, agreement for sale 130,000 tons superphosphate worth \$5.3 million signed December 7. Agreements for imports by Japan of 500,000 tons of coking coal and 50,000 tons of iron ore and exports to mainland of 67,000 tons of steel products worth \$12.25 million were also signed December 7. Total 1965 trade under the LIAO-TAKASAKI agreement is expected to reach about \$150 million. Kaheita OKAZAKI, chief of Takasaki office, has invited Liao Cheng-chih, his opposite number in Peiping, to visit Japan to sign overall 1965 trade agreement, but there are indications Liao will not come because GOJ denied visa to Politburo member Peng Chen. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Signing of agreements originally scheduled about one week earlier but held up by Peiping to show displeasure with Sato-Shiina statements on China policy and GOJ denial of Peng Chen visa (WEEKA 49, Item 4). Decision to sign may have resulted from any or all of following: Sato's statement to Matsumura (LDP promoter of closer relations with Peiping) that he was not hostile to Communist China; Peiping's need for the trade; and Peiping's possible fear continued intransigence would alienate its Japanese business friends and public opinion generally. Off and on approach may also have reflected differences in Peiping over policies to be adopted toward Japan. Some interested Japanese point out that decision to hold up agreements was made during absence of Liao Cheng-chih (on visit to Italy) and was reversed shortly after his return to Peiping; they draw conclusion he obtained the reversal. GOJ had not in fact modified its posture on China policy, reiterating in Shiina UN speech December 4 what ChiComs consider most objectionable, i.e. condemnation of Chicom nuclear test and support of "important question" on Chinese representation. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE).

7. ROK-Japan Negotiations

Following first meeting of chief delegates December 3, committees on fisheries, status of Koreans in Japan and basic relations met during past week. Meetings so far concerned with reviewing positions taken at time talks suspended last April, but both sides have stated desire proceed as rapidly as possible and have scheduled frequent negotiating sessions. After President Pak's December 6 statement that fisheries question might be left until after

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normalization if going became difficult, Agriculture Min Akagi said that GOJ would continue seek settlement of fisheries in context overall settlement. GOJ announced December 4 that it planned import \$2 million dried squid and yellowtail this year and PriMin Sato stated December 9 (correcting earlier Shiina statement) that \$20 million loan not part of 1962 financial agreement. On the other hand Socialist Diet interpellations December 10 did best to push Sato and Shiina into taking strong line concerning disputed island of Takeshima (Tok-do); they succeeded in getting Shiina (according to press) to label ROK attitude "illegal and incorrect"; and ^{received} his assurance that Japan-ROK talks would continue until "clear solution" reached concerning Takeshima. Sato added statement "Takeshima is Japan's territory, but we will not resolve it by force." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Negotiators are expected to get down to substantive matters next week. Imports of squid and yellowtail will benefit Japan by helping to check rising prices of these basic items. Atmosphere of talks was helped by announcements on fish imports and status of loan; effect of Takeshima exchange on ROK obviously may offset this. (UNCLASSIFIED)

8. Upper House By-Election in Okayama

In elections December 9 to fill two vacancies in House of Councillors, voters in Okayama prefecture returned Chozo AKIYAMA (JSP) and Mutsuo KIMURA (LDP) to bring current Upper House strengths of LDP and JSP to 145 and 66 seats, respectively. Akiyama, who had resigned from Upper House to run unsuccessfully in Okayama gubernatorial election last month, reelected to fill out own term which expires in 1965. Kimura, who ran as protege of PriMin Sato, is first-timer in Diet. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Voting results showed no significant changes in basic LDP-Socialist support pattern. (UNCLASSIFIED)

9. Komeito Chairman Dies

Upper House member Koji HARASHIMA, 55, Chairman of recently-organized Komeito (WEEK 47, Item 2), died of heart attack December 9. Vice-Chairman Takehisa TSUJI, 46, also member Upper House, was named successor same day. Harashima's death reduced Upper House strength of Soka Gakkai-backed party to 14. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

10. Royal Visit to Thailand

Imperial Household Agency December 4 announced Crown Prince AKIHITO and Princess MICHIKO would leave Tokyo December 14 for eight-day state visit to Thailand as proxies of Emperor and Empress in return for Thai royal visit last May. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: None11. Foreign Ministry Conference on African Policy

Six-day meeting between Foreign Ministry officials and chiefs of the ten Japanese diplomatic missions in Africa opened in Tokyo December 10. This periodic conference will concentrate on trade problems and on Japan's South African policy. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: NoneMILITARY12. Reaction to USN Aircraft Accident

December 8 crash of Crusader jet aircraft at Atsugi Naval Air Station (with no loss of life) generated good deal of press coverage--not so much in reaction to accident per se, but on issue of renewed agitation to close or move air station to "less congested" area. Kanagawa Prefectural Assembly drew up petition to be presented to GOJ December 11 demanding "fundamental countermeasures be established from new viewpoint in order to remove source of trouble around Atsugi Base." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Prefectural and LDP authorities in Kanagawa evidently feel that they can no longer evade doing "something" to answer leftist demand for removal of base. Much softened petition passed over strong Socialist protests may move GOJ to "take a look," but in absence of strong, well publicized movement, normal official procrastination will probably smooth waters. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

13. General LeMay Receives Award

Following Cabinet approval, General URA, Chief of Staff, JASDF, December 7 awarded First Class Order of The Rising Sun to the USAF Chief of Staff General LeMay in appreciation for his contributions in developing the JASDF. LeMay was in Japan at the invitation of the JASDF to participate in ceremonies honoring their 10th anniversary.

GOJ decision to honor General LeMay was opposed by JSP and by Hiroshima city officials who questioned propriety of award in view of LeMay's role in the bombing of Japan during WW II. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Despite considerable press coverage of controversy, reaction to decoration was negligible. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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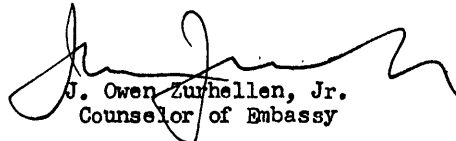
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14. Round-the-World Trip for JDA's Kaihara

NAVA learned December 7th that Japan Defense Agency's Defense Bureau Chief Osamu KAIHARA would depart on a round the world trip visiting Washington January 3-7, Bonn 11-12, Paris 12-15, Rome 15-17, Bangkok 18-20, Hong Kong 20-21 and Taipei 21-23. Kaihara reportedly will look into effect of CCNE, futures of MLF and NATO. In Washington, Kaihara hopes to talk to SecDef and other officials. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Trip is seen as consolation to Kaihara for his failure to succeed Yoshio MIWA (promoted to Admin Vice Minister, JDA) last month (WEEKA 47, Item 10). (CONFIDENTIAL)

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1. JSP Anti-Mainstream Victory

JSP ended four-day 24th National Convention, December 11 with election of officers for coming year. Elections resulted in surprise victory for anti-mainstream left wing which captured 12 out of 23 seats.

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Central Executive Committee seats. Behind scenes negotiations, which would have given left-wing SUZUKI-SASAKI faction minority position in reconstituted CEC (WEEK 50, Item 4), broke down at eleventh hour with result that eight posts had to be decided by balloting on convention floor. All eight posts were swept by anti-mainstream candidates. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Left-wing success in capturing majority JSP Party posts attributable largely to skillful politicking of anti-mainstream before and during convention. Anti-mainstream was helped by overconfidence and disunity among three mainstream factions. Number of mainstream delegates went home before final balloting; some voted against candidates from rival factions in mainstream.

Unexpected resurgence of anti-mainstream likely to create trouble for GOJ as JSP adopts more militant and obstructionist tactics in Diet and for U.S. as agitation against SSN, bases and Security Treaty is stepped up.

Press reaction to results party elections mostly critical. Left-wing victory generally regarded by commentators as backward step for party which professes to be seeking power by peaceful parliamentary means. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Special Diet Session Moves Toward Adjournment

47th Special Diet Session gave final approval December 15 to ¥85,060 million (\$236 million) supplementary national budget and moved to take care of remaining business in order adjourn December 18. Regular Diet session will convene December 21. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Primary attention in Special Session focused on foreign policy interpellations of PriMin SATO and FonMin SHINA. Approval of major routine business foregone conclusion in light of overwhelming LDP Diet majority. Left for last-minute handling were proposals for minor revision in laws concerning Defense Agency and Self-Defense Forces on which Socialist opposition might feel obliged to attempt obstruction tactics for the record. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. Convictions in Election Scandal Cases

Twenty-eight defendants including former employee of LDP Secretariat and former secretary of LDP Vice President Shojiro KAWASHIMA

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were convicted in Tokyo District Court December 15 on charges stemming from irregularities in April 1963 Tokyo and Fukuoka gubernatorial elections (WEEKKA 17, Item 1) and October 1962 Chiba gubernatorial elections. Charges included forging official seals of election committees and payoffs for running "dummy candidates" to harass opposition candidates. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Convictions have created no great public or political uproar but will contribute to general lack of enthusiasm for current Tokyo local administration and to opposition ammunition against LDP in coming Diet Session and subsequent House of Councillors election. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. China Policy

Press reported that FonMin Shiina said, in response to question in Diet Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee interpellations December 15, Japan would "go along" if two-thirds of U.N. membership supported Chinese Communist membership in U.N. and Peiping's entry had blessings of Free World. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Former PriMin IKEDA had told Diet February 13 that Japan would support ChiCom entry only if it was approved in U.N. by "large majority." Shiina's comment was in line with previous policy (and presumably intentionally vague) but makes more explicit GOJ support of two-thirds majority. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Bonin Islands Graves Visits

Much public attention was focused on wish of former Bonin Islanders now resident in Japan to visit graves of ancestors following press publicity given meeting of Diet member Tokuyasu FUKUDA with CINCPACFLT on this question. Press also reported FonMin's statement after Cabinet meeting December 15 to effect that CINCPACFLT's discussion with Fukuda as reported by latter gave impression of step forward in possibility of graves visits. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Part of publicity probably encouraged by Fukuda, who will head new association to be formed this month to amalgamate four existing associations of former Bonin Islanders. Graves visits to Bonin slave Japanese public support, however, and GOJ continues to press for entry permission from U.S. authorities. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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6. ROK-Japan Negotiations

ROK-GOJ negotiators continued to meet in sub-committees on basic relations, fisheries and status of Koreans in Japan (WEEKA 50, Item 7). They plan to identify points of major difference for presentation to next plenary session December 21. Chief Japanese negotiator Michisugi SUGI died of cancer December 14. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While there are still many technical problems to be agreed upon (e.g., methods for regulating catch in conservation zones, net mesh size and power of fishing lights), main requirement at this stage seems to be determined political effort on both sides to arrive at political bargain. Death of Sugi, who has been figurehead for Japanese team, will have little or no effect on progress of negotiations, but choice of his successor may provide some indication of way Japanese expect negotiations to go. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. Foreign Ministry Conference on African Policy

Six-day conference (WEEKA 50, Item 11) of Japanese heads of mission in Africa closed December 17. Conference, which received good deal of press coverage, concentrated on economic issues and means of overcoming Japan's and Africa's lack of knowledge about one another. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although press coverage briefly drew public attention to Japan's activities in Africa, continued discussion of area and its importance must follow if meaningful impact on the Japanese public is expected. Consideration is to be given to loan programs and agricultural training missions, but no new policies were announced as result of conference. (UNCLASSIFIED)

8. Visit by HICOM Ryukyus

General Watson, HICOM Ryukyus, paid courtesy call December 14 on PriMin Sato and attended meeting of U.S. -Japan Consultative Committee. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: HICOM's call on Sato, coming shortly after PriMin's accession to office and just prior to planned visit to Washington, effectively dramatized close U.S. -Japan cooperation concerning Ryukyus. Committee meeting, which marked agreement on GOJ aid program for Ryukyus and was scheduled for same day to permit HICOM's participation, emphasized this cooperative relationship to high degree. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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9. Diet Approves Pay Raise for Government Workers

Bill granting 7.9 per cent average pay increase for all government employees including military personnel passed Diet December 15. Raise this year is effective from September 1 instead of October 1 as in the past. GOJ has always followed Personnel Authority's recommendation as to wage increase requested, but has always changed requested effective date from May to October. This year widespread criticism of this practice was met by usual Finance Ministry objection that sufficient revenue not available, but government decided to yield one month. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: One-month compromise is result of hard work and influence of Labor Min ISHIDA. It also represents gesture on part of Sato government designed to soften hardnosed right-wing image in eyes of government workers and labor movement. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY10. Admiral Sugie Wants Japanese SSN

Admiral Ichizo SUGIE, Chairman Joint Staff Council, in press conference at Nagoya December 11, said that he hoped Japan would produce own nuclear-powered sub. JSP immediately raised hue and cry, saying that Sugie's statement contravened both "peaceful uses" provision of Japan's Atomic Energy Law and GOJ's avowal of intention not to introduce nuclear weapons into Japan, and demanded Sugie be fired. JSP failed in attempt to force Diet interpellation of JDA Director General Junya KOIZUMI and Sugie. In private conversation with NAVA and AIRA Sugie reiterated JMSDF requirement for nuclear-propelled ships in view Japan's lack of petroleum resources. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Sugie's statement created stir among opposition who are apparently unable or unwilling to discern difference between nuclear weapons and nuclear propulsion, but their inability to force issue in Diet may be good indication their lack of public support. In final analysis Sugie's statement may have actually helped JDA cause by stating obvious fact that Japan as world's leading shipbuilder needs to get into nuclear propulsion. (CONFIDENTIAL)

11. MSDF Year-End Flag Officer Changes

MSDF announced Flag Officer changes effective December 16. In addition to eleven flag officers, thirty-one Captains were shifted in annual

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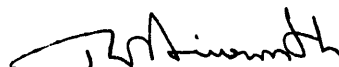
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year-end pre-retirement and pre-promotion shuffle. Most prominent move will be that of VADM Susumu ISHIGURO who will take command of Self-Defense Fleet January 1, when VADM Sakuo MIKAMI retires. Flag officer retirements will create five vacancies in the Vice Admiral/Rear Admiral ranks. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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POLITICAL

1. Govt. Turns Attention to Budget

Finance Ministry December 19 announced its (\$10,161 million) proposed draft budget for JFY 1965 (final draft to be submitted by Cabinet to Diet will not be ready until end of year), a 12.4% increase over original budget for JFY 1964. Politicians (both LDP and JSP) criticized what they called "tight framework" of budget, and Ministries concerned with domestic affairs, such as Agriculture-Forestry and Construction, launched expected efforts for restoration of some cut projects. FinMin TANAKA December 23 expressed confidence that

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Cabinet would approve overall level of budget December 28 as originally planned. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Notwithstanding Tanaka statement, allocations of individual Ministries may be amended. LDP politicians appear concerned that tight budget may work against LDP interests in June House of Councillors elections, in which economic conditions in country, and progress on SATO's promised (but not yet clearly defined) course of "social development" for Japan, are likely to be major issues. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Peiping Tries Carrot

According to press LIAO Cheng-chih, President of ComChina-Japan Friendship Association, on December 17 refused invitation visit Japan extended by LDP faction leader Kenzo MATSUMURA on grounds Sato Govt. must first display friendliness to ChiComs by concrete action. However, Kyodo reported from Peiping that on December 21 Liao told Japanese newsmen he would accept Matsumura's invitation and visit Japan early next year. During interview Liao said he would like to meet Sato at A-A Conference next year, that MIKI's statement that Sato's China policies are same as IKEDA's was "impossible deception," that Peiping would not interfere in Sino-Japanese trade, that Peiping has not given up hope that Sato's attitude would improve, that Peiping's postponement of visit of Japanese Diet members in December was because of busy schedule of National Peoples Congress (NPC) in Peiping, and that European countries deal with ComChina as they like while Japan seems to be more fearful of U.S. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Liao's about face on Japan visit and relatively mild tone of other statements suggest Peiping may feel that having made its point with its previous tough statements, it can now relax its posture a bit to see whether its pressures will bear fruit. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Korean Talks Recess for Holidays

Second plenary session of current series of ROK-Japan talks on December 21 approved minutes of sub-committee meetings and agreed to meet again January 18. Korean Ambassador KIM returned to Seoul December 22, where he will attempt persuade ROKG accept scheme for limited normalization, i.e., establishing diplomatic relations soon, with knotty issues to be settled later, and with fisheries agreement coming last, toward end of 1965. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Meetings thus far have shown no forward movement and progress will depend in large part upon nature of instructions Kim receives in Seoul. Japanese will examine with interest any new proposals Kim may

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offer, but will be wary of settlement which does not safeguard Japanese fishing interests. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. ILO Japan Visit Set

ILO announced December 23 Fact-Finding Committee headed by Erik Dreyer will visit Japan January 13 - 26. Three-man Dreyer Committee will follow up its September hearings in Geneva with on-the-spot investigation of several Sohyo unions' charges of GOJ infringement of trade union rights. At same time it will sound out GOJ intentions on ratification ILO-87. Aside from Tokyo hearings committee will split up for 3-day inspection of local areas. Final four days will be devoted to conferences between Committee and LabMin ISHIDA and Sohyo SecGen IWAI. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Both GOJ and Sohyo impressed with depth and fairness of ILO Geneva hearings. Sohyo likely try to use Committee visit to put pressure on GOJ, whose new plan for ratification ILO-87 has run into strong opposition within LDP making ratification difficult during current Diet session. Newly-formed right-wing labor federation, Domei, although not directly concerned with investigation, will seek meeting with Dreyer Committee in attempt to counteract impression that Sohyo is sole representative of Japanese labor movement during this investigation. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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5. Diet Passes Defense Bills

Diet December 19 passed two Defense Bills revising present Defense Agency Establishment Law and Self-Defense Forces Law (WEEK 51, Item 2). Bills (1) increase prescribed number of men in Self-Defense Forces by 2,932 (GSDF: 0, MSDF: 1,672, ASDF: 496, JSC: 3, and civilian: 761); (2) increase number of defense reservists by 5,000; (3) organize new Air Group within each Air Wing; (4) organize 8th Air Wing at Tsuiki Air Base, and (5) enable Self-Defense personnel to cooperate in transport of personnel and equipment for Antarctic observation.

Press reported that JSP agreed to passage of two bills in return for LDP promise not to present bill raising status of Defense Agency to Ministry in next Diet. There is no other evidence that LDP made such agreement. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Meaning of increases in strength have not yet been assessed. However, it is significant that an MSDF force of any size will be

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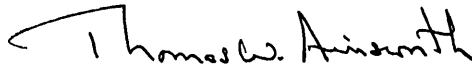
deployed out of Japan area for other than training cruises. Transport of personnel and equipment to Antarctica may well have been anticipated some time ago inasmuch as icebreaker already under construction for delivery to Defense Agency in March. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. SDF Promotions

Japan Defense Agency announced promotions effective January 1, 1965 for 1,379 Self-Defense Force officers including 104 to grades of Colonel/Captain and above. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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POLITICAL

1. Cabinet Agrees on Budget Proposal; Focus Back on Foreign Affairs

Cabinet December 28 okayed ¥ 3,658,080 million draft budget (WEEKA 52, Item 1) after Finance Ministry agreed to restore about ¥ 90 million from "miscellaneous" or "reserve" category to various Ministries and agencies. GOJ attention promptly turned back to foreign affairs with emphasis on preparations for PriMin SATO's Washington visit January 11-14. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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2. Kosygin Invites Sato to Moscow

On December 30, Soviet Ambassador Vinogradov presented personal message from Kosygin to PriMin Sato, inviting latter to Soviet Union in near future. Local press reports that note contained following additional points; (1) Soviet Union will make effort for furtherance of economic relations and trade; (2) Soviet Union would be willing to hold discussions for the conclusion of consular treaty; (3) Soviet Union is willing to make effort to resume talks on direct air route; (4) Soviet Union will work for strengthening of mutual understanding and mutual effort is required for settlement of international problems. Note made no reference to discussion of northern territories or peace treaty problems.

In his remarks to Sov Amb, Sato said he had jokingly told Mikoyan he would visit Soviet Union when they could take up territorial problems, but in any case he appreciated invitation. He is reported to have said that because of this background he hoped the Soviets would understand that he could not easily make visit. GOJ will send written answer sometime in January. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Previous Japanese PriMins have received similar invitations, which they have refused mainly because of lack of Soviet willingness to discuss territorial problems and peace treaty. Appears likely Sato will follow suit. However, as result of invitation there will probably be further concrete efforts on airline agreement and it is likely that consular treaty discussions will be pursued at lower level.

Timing of invitation is seen as effort by Soviets to strengthen image of friendly attitude just before Sato's important meetings with President Johnson. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. LDP and JSP Split Gifu By-Election

By-election in Gifu Prefecture December 27 for two seats in Lower House of Diet resulted in election of LDP candidate Akira ONO, 36, and JSP candidate Jushin TAKAHASHI, 46, bringing current Lower House strengths of LDP and JSP to 289 and 146 seats, respectively. Election was held to fill two vacancies created by deaths of Bamboku Ono and Takeo MITAMURA, both veteran LDP members.

Due to rivalry of local LDP bosses, three conservative candidates were fielded (one "officially" and two "unofficially"). As officially-endorsed LDP candidate and son of Bamboku, Akira Ono easily won with

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large loyalty and sympathy vote. Unofficial conservative candidates split remaining conservative votes and lost to Socialist candidate, despite fact JSP vote was 3.4 per cent (of total vote) lower than in 1963. Combined conservative vote in this election was 6.8 per cent (of total vote) higher than in 1963. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Election was primarily a contest for control of local LDP machine between Gifu Governor MATSUNO and LDP Diet member Uichi NODA. Matsuno, backed by Ichiro KONO, insisted on supporting his man Kabun MUTO, despite opposition by PriMin Sato, who wanted Matsuno to endorse Kohei KIMURA, runner-up in last year's elections. Defeat of LDP candidate because of factional rivalries repeats recent LDP setback for similar reasons in Chiba (WEEKA 47, Item 3), and is likely have repercussions within LDP national leadership. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Sato To Meet Opposition Leaders Before Washington Visit

PriMin Sato, in response to JSP and DSP requests for Party leaders' meeting before PriMin's trip to Washington, agreed to separate "tea parties" with leaders these parties January 6. JSP participants expected to be Chairman KAWAKAMI, Vice Chairmen WADA and SASAKI, SecGen NARITA, International Bureau Chief KATSUMATA, Policy Board Chairman IDE, Diet Policy Chairman YAMAMOTO and Propaganda Bureau Chairman MATSUMOTO; Chairman NISHIO will lead DSP conferrees. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP clearly desires to give impression of at least marginal connection with PriMin's visit, which generally regarded in Japan as of major foreign policy importance. LDP leadership, presumably recognizing that there is likely be little useful exchange of views on this subject with JSP and that latter will seek exploit meeting for domestic political purposes, is making effort to downplay the discussions. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. LDP Members Set Up Rival Asia Study Groups

"Asia-Africa Problems Study Council," inaugurated December 23, announced intention to encourage "independent, unerring diplomatic course of action" for Japan, which it made clear meant closer relations with Communist China. Senior statesmen Kenzo MATSUMURA and Aiichiro FUJIYAMA are advisers of new group but active leader is LDP maverick Tokuma UTSUNOMIYA. Pro-GRC LDP figures had set up "Asian Problems Council" December 16 under leadership of Okinori KAYA and Hirokichi NADAO.

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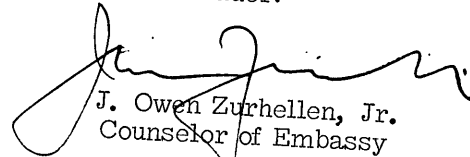
LDP SecGen MIKI December 23 warned two groups against attempts to affect GOJ foreign policy except through LDP Party organ Foreign Affairs Research Council. Latter body December 25 adopted report including endorsement of "important question" position on U.N. ChiRep. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Formation of rival groups within LDP appears to reflect uncertainty and concern among supporters of GRC and ChiComs as to Sato's actual intentions in China policy, as result of lack of clarity in interpellations in recent Diet Session. Majority of LDP Diet members would probably prefer course somewhere between two poles represented by Kaya and Utsunomiya. Representative of pro-GRC "Asian Problems Council" expressed opinion to Embassy that Miki decision to accompany Sato to Washington probably intended to make pro-Peiping elements in LDP (most of whom, including Kenzo Matsumura, now back in Miki faction) believe that Miki would dissuade Sato from taking strong anti-Peiping positions during visit. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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